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Israel won't arrest Ashrawi

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

U.S. President George Bush is credited with thwarting any plans the Israeli authorities may have had to arrest Hanan Ashrawi, who was spokesperson for the Palestinians at the recent Middle East peace conference in Madrid.

Israeli police said late last week that they had sufficient evidence to hold her for trial on charges of violating the Israeli law forbidding contacts with Palestine Liberation Organization representatives. But they have not acted.

Bush is said to have expressed concern about "the plight of Hanan Ashrawi" at the end of a meeting with 23 prominent Arab Americans at the White House.

One of them, George Salem of the executive board of the Arab American Institute, reported that the president "shook my hand as he was leaving and said, 'Please know that Hanan is on my mind and I'm paying very close attention to what is happening over there'."

In Washington, State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher also expressed concern about media reports that the Israeli police had recommended Ashrawi's prosecution.

The West Bank activist, who lectures at Bir Zeit University, gained global recognition for her eloquence in presenting the Palestinian case at Madrid.

Although not official members of the Palestinian negotiating delegation, Ashrawi and her East Jerusalem colleague Faisal Husseini advised the delegation, which had one bilateral session with the Israelis.

Members of Israel's far-right wing were furious after the police acted on a complaint against Ashrawi by Knesset member Elyakim Haetzni of the Tehiya party and then failed to follow through.

Science and Energy Minister Yuval Ne'eman, the Tehiya leader, complained that he found it hard to serve in a government which "does not enforce the law."

Responding to queries by Ne'eman, Police Minister Ronni Milo explained at Sunday's Cabinet meeting that the material the police passed to the state prosecutor consisted of findings, not recommendations.

Health Minister Ehud Olmert said at the close of the Cabinet session that he saw no point in taking action against Ashrawi for meeting with PLO representatives, inasmuch as she herself is a member of the PLO.

Before the Cabinet session began, about 30 members of the Israeli Women's Peace Network met with Ashrawi in Ramallah to protest plans to arrest her.

Ashrawi told them she was "touched" by President Bush's comment that he was "thinking" about her. She thought it had great significance.

"It is not just a recognition of Hanan as an individual, but it is the Palestinian reality, and the Palestinian presence and the Palestinian options in Madrid, and I feel that this is a recognition of that fact that Palestinians are being heard, that we have rights and that most importantly, we do have a human substance," Ashrawi said.

The Israeli women at the meeting included Knesset member Shulamit Aloni of the Citizens Rights Movement, Professor Galya Golan of Hebrew University and author Yael Dayan.

Members of the Coalition for Fair News Coverage demonstrated outside the Toronto Star building last week charging the paper has an anti-Israel bias. The coalition includes members of various synagogues, the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, North American Jewish Students Network, Canadian Young Judea and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Committee. [Ron Csillag photo]

BB, CJC slam Star over play's coverage

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Canada's two main Jewish organizations minced no words last week in protesting a headline and illustration the *Toronto Star* used for a story on a controversial play about a Holocaust survivor turned slum landlord.

"Auschwitz Slumlord" proclaimed the boxed artwork on the *Star's* Nov. 8 front page. Included was a section of the illustration which filled the entire cover page of that day's entertainment section, showing a man's eye, nose and an arm bearing the tattooed number of a concentration camp inmate. Visible at the end of the arm was a large wad of British banknotes.

The artwork alerted threatre-goers to advance coverage of *Singer*, a play by Peter Flannery, loosely based on the life of Peter Rachman, a Polish Jew and labor camp survivor who became a slum landlord in Britain [see *The CJN*'s review, page 34].

The illustration "is a disgusting depiction and a caricature of the

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Yugoslavian Jews neutral in conflict

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Representatives of the Jewish communities of Yugoslavia met earlier this week and agreed they should avoid being used as political "pawns" in the country's civil war in that Balkan country.

Srdan Matic, executive vice-president of the Jewish Community of Zagreb, said about 20 delegates representing Zagreb, Belgrade, Sarajevo, Skopje, Osijek, Subotica and Novi Sad agreed they should remain neutral in the conflict, pitting federal forces against the breakaway republic of Croatia.

The delegates met in the Budapest offices of the Jewish Agency, which hosted the meeting.

The Jewish community of Zagreb has taken a position of political neutrality while calling for a peaceful end to the Yugoslav civil war, Matic said.

Les Scheininger, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, attended an earlier meeting of community representatives in Belgrade, which did not include delegates from Croatia, in which they expressed their desire not to take sides in the civil war.

The Budapest meeting was the first in about five months involving delegates from all Yugoslavia's Jewish communities, Matic said, adding that direct telephone contact between Zagreb and Belgrade had been cut as a result of the war.

Matic said that despite the civil war, the umbrella Federation of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia "still exists" and its organizational structure will continue as long as the country is one legal entity.

Matic said representatives of Zagreb and Osijek (in eastern Croatia) described for the meeting what life was like during wartime as well as the damages suffered by Croatian Jewish communities.

The medieval synagogue in Dubrovnik has twice been hit by shells, Matic said, and the Jewish cemetery has also been damaged. The full extent of the damage is unknown, since the Adriatic port city has been cut off from the rest of Croatia by federal forces. The cemetery in Cernik, Slavonia (100 kms northeast of Zagreb) was destroyed during shelling, he said, adding that village hasn't had a Jewish presence since World War II.

Matic said a representative of the Zagreb Jewish community entered Dubrovnik earlier in the week on board a ship carrying 300 tonnes of humanitarian supplies. He said the Jewish community, at the request of Croatian parliamentary delegates from Dubrovnik, negotiated with federal army forces to permit the ship to go through the blockade.

In other developments, Uri Gordon, head of the immigration and absorption department of the Jewish Agency said "no emergency airlift [of Yugoslav Jews] is planned."

Likud bloc surges in polls

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The Likud bloc is enjoying a surge of public popularity in the aftermath of the Madrid peace conference, a new opinion poll shows.

The Labor Party, on the other hand, has declined to one of its lowest points in recent years.

According to a Smith Research Center survey conducted between Nov. 4 and 12, if elections were held now, Likud would thrash Labor by winning 37 percent of the vote, compared to 22 percent for Labor.

Labor has lost nearly a third of the 31.5 percent who supported it in the 1988 Knesset elections. The party's popularity fell two full percentage points from August, when an earlier Smith poll gave it 24 percent of the vote, if elections were held then.

Likud climbed to 37 percent from 33 percent in August and 34 percent in the 1988 elections. But according to another poll, its popularity has slipped among new immigrants from the Soviet Union, whose once solid support has eroded by 9 percent since 1989.

The Soviet olim increasingly favor starting an immigrants' party.

Nevertheless, the Likud-nationalist camp gained six percentage points since 1988, while the Labor-leftist "peace camp" lost nearly seven percentage points. The religious parties dropped four points.

But the government coalition, which consists of the religious parties and parties on the far right, commands a strong 59.5 percent lead over the opposition, which together accounts for only 33.5 percent of the vote.

In the latest poll, the three leftist peace parties combined won 11.5 percent approval, compared to 9.5 percent for the three far-right coalition parties, which generally opposed the Madrid peace talks.

The Citizens Rights Movement was the strongest of the peace parties, polling seven percent in the latest poll. That was down from 7.5 percent in August but well above the 4.5 percent the CRM won in the 1988 elections.

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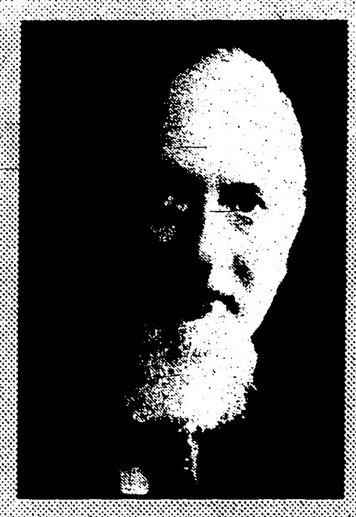

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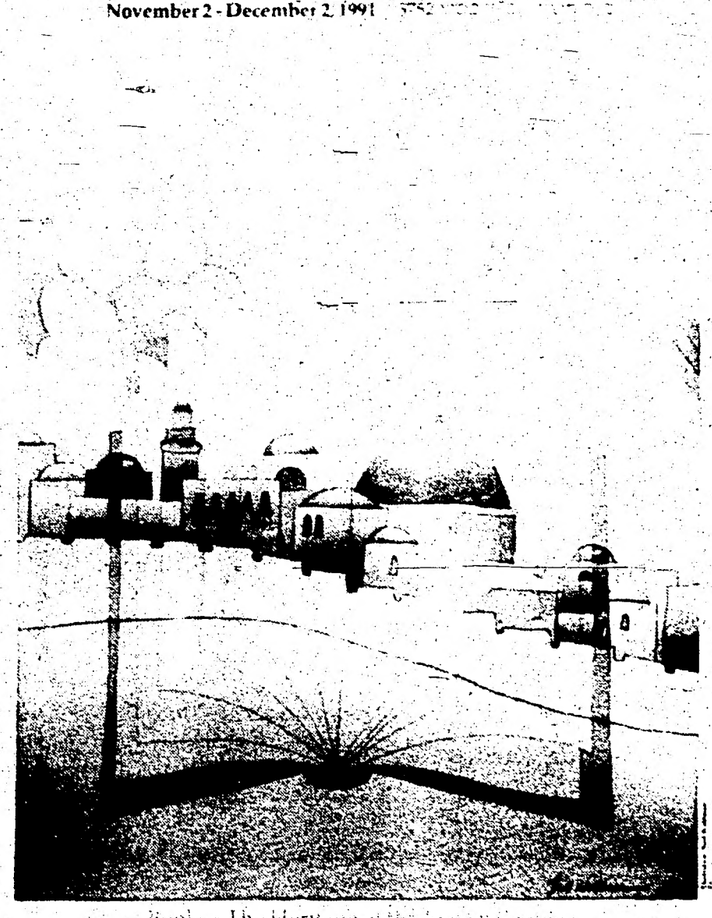

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Madrid meeting seen as part of ongoing Arab-Israeli talks

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Madrid peace conference marked a milestone in negotiations between Israel and its Arab foes, but despite rhetoric to the contrary, meetings between Israeli leaders and their Arab counterparts have repeatedly taken place over the years, an Israeli journalist stated recently.

Those meetings, often at the highest government levels, took place in secret, said Yossi Melman, a reporter who has been covering Mideast politics for 18 years.

Delivering the opening lecture at the Jewish Book Fair, Melman said the clandestine meetings go back to discussions with Jordan's King Abdullah, even before the State of Israel was proclaimed. Zionist leaders hoped to build on common interests with the monarch in opposing a radical Palestinian state in the territories between them and hoped Abdullah would serve as a gateway to the broader Arab world, Melman said.

As a result of those talks, Jordan never attempted to capture lands allocated by the United Nations to the Jewish state, he said.

Meetings with Jordanian leaders continued after Abdullah's death at the hands of a Palestinian assassin, Melman continued, as the monarch's grandson, the current King Hussein, met secretly in 1965 with then foreign minister Golda Meir, as well as with Moshe Dayan, Abba Eban and others.

Meetings took place as well between senior military personnel and intelligence officers, he added.

Melman, who along with Dan Raviv authored *Every Spy a Prince*, an examination of Israel's intelligence community, said even in the aftermath of the Six Day War, Israeli leaders like Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres met with Hussein.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir met with Hussein in October 1988, he added.

"International politics makes for strange bedfellows," Melman told the capacity crowd at the Leah Posluns Theatre. In 1982, hardline defence minister Ariel Sharon met with General Rifaat Assad, brother of Syrian strongman Hafez Assad. And Israeli military and intelligence personnel have met with Lebanese officials going back to the late 1960s.

In the late 1970s, Mossad intelligence agents persuaded Sudanese leader Ja'afar al-Nimeiri to turn a blind eye to the exodus of Ethiopian Jews through his country, in return for which the Mossad opened a Swiss bank account in his name.

Israelis of Moroccan origin and others have had no problem obtaining visas to visit that African land, he said, adding that Israel "has no problem getting access to the Arab world. But the problem is that these meetings have had to be secret."

Melman noted that all agreements between Israel and its Arab adversaries were concluded after a war and the Madrid conference fits that pattern, coming months after the gulf conflict. Melman suggested that secret meetings will continue on a parallel track to the public meetings, because there is little prospect for a political solution without them.

Most Mideast agreements are first formulated in secret and only surface afterwards, he said.

Love-hate relationship part of Jewish history

TORONTO —

Throughout their history going back to ancient Greek times, Jews have been feared and loathed, loved and admired, with prominent historic figures becoming obsessed with them, a gathering at the Jewish Book Fair was told recently.

Jews have stirred strong and conflicting feelings among supporters and detractors alike, with some, like Martin Luther, reversing a pro-Jewish position to take a virulently anti-Semitic one, author and *CJN* columnist Allan Gould said.

In his early years, Luther defended the Jews against the Catholic Church and preached tolerance of them in the hope they would accept Christianity. But 20 years later, he referred to them in language that would be reminiscent of the Nazi Party platform, Gould said.

Gould, author of *What Did They Think of the Jews*, said the Catholic Church has likewise had a Jekyll-and-Hyde attitude to the Jews. Historian Raul Hilberg has documented the church's restrictions placed on Jewish life, many of which were adopted by the Nazis. But in 1179, the third Lateran Council prohibited forced conversion of Jews, and called for tolerance of Jewish customs. While Pope Innocent III referred to the Jews as "demons," Angelo Roncalli, the man who would become Pope John XXIII, saved thousands of lives during the Holocaust, Gould said. But even he was imbued with a theological aversion to a reborn Jewish state and refused to send hundreds of survivors to Palestine.

Gould said research for his book presented him with many "shocks," including the attitude of the Indian patriot, Mohandas Gandhi. Gandhi, who had been helped by Jews in establishing his law practice in South Africa, suggested in the aftermath of Kristallnacht, the November 1938 Nazi pogrom, that Jews should show there was no hate in their hearts and lie down before Nazi tanks.

Jewish theologian Emil Fackenheim remarked on Gandhi's attitude by noting he "was used to British tanks. They stop. Nazi tanks don't stop," Gould said.

In his review of attitudes towards Jews, Gould touched on those with ambivalent views about Jews: author Joseph Conrad complained about "kikes," but yet had a Jewish agent and publisher.

Scholar and writer H.L. Mencken had a curious mix of love and hate for Jews, but would only go to Jewish doctors and enjoyed traditional Jewish food.

Allan Gould

Enmity towards the Jews in the form of the blood libel can be traced back to ancient Greek times when the writer Appian accused Jews of kidnapping gentiles, fattening them, sacrificing them and drinking their blood.

The December 1881 edition of the Vatican's semi-official publication repeats the libel and adds that Jews control the media and finance, he said.

Despite such attitudes, Jews have always had friends, Gould said. U.S. leader Benjamin Franklin helped raise money to assist an indebted synagogue, while novelist E.M. Forster wrote an essay blasting anti-Semitism as an assault on the human mind.

Perhaps the two greatest friends the Jews have had were Russian author Leo Tolstoy and American writer Mark Twain, he said.

Tolstoy, a devout Christian, loved the Jews and studied Hebrew with a rabbi. He referred to Jews as "the first to produce the oracles of God" and as the "emblems of eternity."

Twain noted Jewish contributions to literature and learning despite having one hand tied behind their backs, and stated in an 1899 essay that, based on their small numbers, they should hardly have been noticed in history.

Gould's presentation was sponsored by the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library and B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights.

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Chapley, Nobleman lose municipal election races

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

There were few surprises for Jewish candidates in last week's civic elections, except for stunning upset losses for Vaughan regional councillor **David Chapley** and veteran City of York alderman **Ben Nobleman,** and one upset victory for North York newcomer **David Shiner.**

Chapley, who became local and regional councillor in 1988 following a six-year stint on council, was turfed out in favor of former Woodbridge councillor **Gino Rosati.** Vaughan's other regional councillor, incumbent **Michael DiBiase,** was easily re-elected.

Some observers speculate Chapley may have lost Jewish votes in Thornhill because of his support for a controversial integrated housing project on Clark Avenue. Many residents, particularly in Spring Farm, oppose the development.

Chapley said he lost partly because of low voter turnout. He polled just over 10,000 votes, to Rosati's 13,234 and DiBiase's 15,070.

As well, the large Italian vote in Woodbridge rallied behind Rosati.

Chapley told *The CJN* that a front-page article in the Woodbridge Italian weekly *Lo Specchio* just before the vote misrepresented his views on the election of more Italian-speaking councillors.

David Chapley

He said the paper used a quote from him, which originally appeared in *The CJN*, to wrongly infer that he wanted to limit representation from Woodbridge on Vaughan council.

In Vaughan's Ward 3, incumbent

David Shiner

councillors **Bernie Green** and **Mario Racco** were re-elected with votes of 4,054 and 4,008 respectively, but that was less than 1,000 tallies ahead of their nearest challenger, **Nick D'Urzo.** Jewish hopefuls **Joel Ginsberg** and **Anona Zimerman** polled 2,222 and 658 votes respectively.

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Aid to schools ranked

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
As Canadian cities go, Edmonton appears to have it best, while Toronto continues to get the short stick in terms of the willingness of provinces to provide funds for Jewish schools.

That was clear as day at a workshop on the subject at the recent National Education Conference.

You could almost hear a roomful of workshop participants sigh with envy as Dr. Ron Bercov, treasurer of Edmonton's Jewish Federation, described a system in which the province willingly, even enthusiastically, pays for 91 percent of the cost at the city's only Jewish school.

The other extreme is Toronto, where, lamented Canadian Jewish Congress national vice-president Charles Zaionz, Ontario continues to refuse to provide even one cent of subsidization to private schools, making a Jewish education increasingly prohibitive for the Jewish middle class. Some high school tuitions are celestially high — up to $7,500 a year.

Montreal model city

Somewhere in between lie Montreal and Winnipeg. Lucy Cohen, Jewish People's Schools and Peretz Schools' director of education in Montreal, said Montreal is still considered a model city for Jewish education, with the province picking up 52 percent of the secular costs, although the figure used to be 80 percent.

In Manitoba, by contrast, the trend is in exactly the opposite direction, from 52 percent moving towards 80 percent over the next eight years, said Dr. Arnold Carmel, president of Winnipeg's Board of Jewish Education (WBJE). But as the percentage goes up, so will the challenge to keep up community support to previous levels, he said.

As all things Canadian, the way provinces see their obligation to prop up Jewish schools (and private schools in general) involve their respective histories and the social outlooks of the party in power.

But how much money Jewish communities need or even want depends on population, demographics, as well as a sense of its own commitment towards providing a "Jewish" education.

Bercov said that 15 years ago Alberta was actively encouraging the decentralizing and opening up of the school system because of the amount of ethnic diversity in the city.

This encouraged administrators from the city's Jewish elementary school, the completely private Edmonton Talmud Torah, to approach public school system adminstrators to negotiate some way the province could pay.

Bercov said the school "finessed" a deal to have Talmud Torah's regular "public" school-week length of 1,460 minutes qualify for public funding with the remaining 9 percent, or 140 minutes, falling under the responsibility of the Edmonton Talmud Torah Society.

The deal allowed the ETT to continue to be essentially a public school that is fully Jewish.

In Ontario, by contrast, the Ontario government will not pay any money towards private schools, except, notably, for Catholic secular schools, which has spurred the Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario region to recently launch a suit against the government on charter grounds.

Each city had its own numbers, but the amount the Toronto Jewish community has to earmark for education is nearing the crisis level. "The financial strain is immense," Zaionz said, with 44 percent of Jewish federation funds raised for local use earmarked for Jewish schools.

Zaionz predicted the the amount will increase as more parents who can't afford to pay tuitions ask for community subsidies. School viability "may be in doubt" without public aid, Zaionz said.

The concerns in Montreal and Winnipeg, while real, involve other issues.

Heritage programs increased

Cohen said Montreal is dealing with a decrease in the number of school-age children as well as an increase in so-called "heritage" programs in public schools, in which Jewish course matter is available, not to mention political uncertainties that will obviously have repercussions in the school system.

One question, she said, is whether such "heritage" programs can possibly pass the Jewish education test in transmiiting "Yiddishkeit" to children. Another is whether they will syphon children away permanently from the Jewish day schools.

In Winnipeg, said Carmel, where governmnet support started only in the late 1980s for its two schools, 60 percent of Jewish campaign funds go for Jewish education.

All Jewish teachers now have to be provincially certified as the province's support grows, and Carmel worried about a "serious confrontation" taking place as the "ba'al habatim ask for their money back."

Carmel hoped to get Winnipeg Jewish leaders to realized that funds could be used for other "important issues" related to Jewish education.

Canada lagging in racism fight

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Though Canadians take some pride in domestic legislation aimed at combatting racism, European countries and even the United States seem to have more expeditious means available in tackling this modern scourge, lawyer Bert Raphael said after returning from an international gathering of Jewish jurists in Brussels.

Raphael, president of the Canadian section of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IAJLJ), said speakers at a recent three-day meeting of the organization described the way Jewish lawyers and judges can help move their home countries towards addressing the growth in anti-Semitic incidents.

The United States, in addition to adopting effective legislation against racist acts, was ahead of Canada in permitting religious headgear in national institutions, Raphael said. While Canada agonized over permitting Sikhs to wear turbans with their RCMP uniforms, lawyer Nathan Lewin, president of the U.S. section of the organization, moved quickly through legal means to convince the U.S. army to permit Jewish soldiers to wear yarmulkes, Raphael said.

Raphael said the triennial conference, attended by about 200 lawyers and judges from 22 countries, including four Canadians, passed a number of resolutions focusing on human rights and on combatting racism.

One called on the United Nations to rescind its 1975 "Zionism is racism" resolution while urging world leaders who have publicly condemned the resolution to act on their views.

A second resolution demanded all states which had not enacted anti-racism legislation to do so immediately.

Another condemned the perversion of language which describes Beirut under siege as "another Warsaw Ghetto" or the conflict in Lebanon as "a Holocaust," Raphael said. The resolution was concerned that modern incidents which have no connection to the Holocaust were being described as such, in part by those who claim they are anti-Zionist to camouflage their anti-Semitism, he added.

Other resolutions addressed the wholesale pardon by Lithuania of those convicted by Soviet courts, which includes many guilty of crimes under the Nazis.

Bert Raphael

McGill University professor Irwin Cotler, currently conducting research in the Soviet Union, addressed the meeting on the "continuing deprivation of rights of Syrian Jews" and condemned the "acts of reprisal" against them for attempting to leave the country.

Raphael said other areas of discussion included improving Israel's ties to the European Community and how Jewish lawyers could work to counter compliance by these countries with terms of the Arab boycott of Israel.

The Toronto-based lawyer said the conference provided the opportunity to exchange ideas and information on legal developments in the field of human rights. In addition to Raphael and Cotler, other Canadian participants were Gerald Stotland of Montreal and Izzy Wolfe of Vancouver.

The Israel-based IAJLJ has about 3,000 members worldwide and its meeting in Brussels was sponsored by *The European*, the English-language weekly founded recently by the late Robert Maxwell.

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Ukraine-Israel ties expected next month

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

The Ukraine will establish formal diplomatic relations with Israel after the Dec. 1 referendum endorses national sovereignty, says a Ukrainian Jew who's trying to encourage better relations between Jews and Ukrainians.

"The president of the Ukraine, Leonid Kravchuk, has said he considers ties with Israel very important," said Yakov Suslensky, who has lived in Jerusalem since 1977.

Suslensky, 62, spent seven years in prison in the 1970s. He was accused of being a Zionist and an anti-Soviet agitator.

The Ukraine, one of 15 republics in the Soviet Union, declared independence last August. But observers expect the referendum in December to formalize the Ukraine's longing for sovereignty.

Roughly the size of France, with a population of 52 million, the Ukraine achieved a measure of independence after World War I. But by 1922, the Soviet Union had incorporated it into its territory and had snuffed out the dreams of Ukrainian nationalists.

There are about 500,000 Jews in the Ukraine, concentrated in such cities as Kiev, Odessa and Kharkov.

Since 1982, about 100,000 Ukrainian Jews have gone on aliyah.

Fosters good relations

Suslensky is president of the Jerusalem-based Association of Jewish-Ukrainian Contacts, which he established 12 years ago. Its chief objective is to foster good relations between Jews and Ukrainians. Three hundred of its 500 members are Jews.

Suslensky was in Toronto to publicize a 1992 forum on Jewish-Ukrainian ties, which is scheduled to be held in Jerusalem from May 22-30 under the auspices of his organization.

The forum, he said in an interview, will be attended by Jews and Ukrainians from around the world. It will attract scholars, businessmen, scientists, journalists, writers and sports figures.

Suslensky said that an invitation will be sent to the president of the Ukraine after the Dec. 1 referendum. Suslensky believes that Kravchuk, the incumbent, will keep his job.

Next year's conference in Jerusalem was conceived at a Ukrainian-Jewish symposium in Kiev last June under the sponsorship of the Ukrainian Academy of Science, Suslensky said.

He said that a wealthy Jewish businessman in the Ukraine, Leonid Lantsman, will foot some of the costs involved in bringing Ukrainian participants to the forum.

The official goals of the forum are two-fold: to fight racial discrimination and to improve the often-troubled ties between Jews and Ukrainians.

"Generally, Ukrainian-Jewish relations have been hostile," Suslensky said. "And they are extremely complicated. Even German-Jewish relations are not so complicated."

Suslensky believes that Jews and Ukrainians must come to terms with their mutual past.

"The past should be left for the historians. We should think of the future and forge good relations. Both nations have suffered. We have to be brothers and find ways of co-operation."

Suslenky has visited the Ukraine several times in the last year and says he has established contact with moderate Ukrainian nationalists in the Rukh movement.

He claims that far-right, anti-Semitic Ukrainian nationalists wield little influence.

Anti-Semitism, he added, is not a serious problem in the Ukraine at present. "It's the calmest place for a Jew now" in the Soviet Union.

Rukh, as well as the Ukrainian government, have condemned outbreaks of anti-Semitism.

In recent years, moderate Ukrainian nationalists have lent their support to the Jewish struggle for religious and national rights.

The synagogue in Lvov, closed in 1963, was recently reopened. Kiev University was reportedly the first in the Soviet Union to offer courses in Jewish studies and Judaism.

And recently, Kravchuk came out with a program to develop Jewish culture in the Ukraine.

Last month, Kravchuk attended a ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the massacre of thousands of Jews at Babi Yar. In what amounted to a public apology, he acknowledged that Ukrainians had turned their backs on Jews while they were murdered by the Nazis in a ravine near Kiev.

Around the same time, in New York, Kravchuk said that the Ukrainian delegation at the United Nations would support any move to repeal the 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Suslensky said that, in the last few months, three Ukrainian government delegations have visited Israel to promote political and economic relations.

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The Hosts: Charles Bronfman, Barry Sherman

Charles Bronfman and **Barry Sherman**, were the hosts of Event No. 3 in the series of six special events sponsored by the **Major Gift Division**, held Nov. 8 at the Primrose Club. It was an outstanding success in every respect: Attendance, program, atmosphere, and impact on the campaign.

Barry Sherman, a leading Canadian industrialist in the pharmaceutical field, President of Apotex Inc., told his own story, and why he became a major UJA contributor within a couple of years.

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Charles Bronfman expressed warm words of appreciation to Sherman. "By what you do," Bronfman told him, "you make a statement: Here is where I am, here is where my family is."

Bronfman went on to paint a particularly gloomy picture of the Soviet Union, which he had recently visited with Jewish Agency Chairman **Simcha Dinitz**. The future for the Jews is bleak. They want to leave, to secure a life of dignity for their children. Of the Jewish Agency emissaries there, he said, "they are the most amazing people I have ever met."

The series of Major Gift events has worked beyond all expectations ... The select group of hosts, the excellent attendance, the distinct venues, each with its own atmosphere, and the highly stimulating program, as delivered by Mid-East expert **Dan Schueftan** — have all combined to create real excitement at UJA!

(AC)COUNTING CANVASSERS

The recession notwithstanding, the **Accountants Division**, with two-thirds of the cards completed, shows a 22% overall increase ... Described as a "driving force" in the UJA campaign, the Division is co-chaired by **Eric Bornstein** and **James Slavens**, and the Vice-chairmen are **Steve Altbaum, Irving Green** and **George Weinberger**.

Top canvassers include **Don Bennnett, Harvey Bernstein, Roger Chaplan, Robert Furman, Debra Joanne Kestenberg, Brian Lass, Ies Van Messel, Eldon Moses, Gary Pollack, Alan Sandler, Peter Sevitt, Joy Shuchat, Maurice Stekel, Arthur Stern, Barry Tissenbaum** and **Meyer Zeifman**.

THANKS TO SOCIETIES

A "Yasher Koach" to the industrious **UJA Chairmen** of the **Societies Division**, and to all presidents and canvassers, for excellent card coverage and results ... A large number of Society members have given very generously to Operation Exodus, understanding, as they do, what it means to resettle in a new land ... Special thanks to Division Chairman **Sam Lipshitz**, and to **Mike Rosenberg**, in charge of Treasury Gifts, assisted by **Henry Yoskovich**. We wish them a healthy winter, be it in Florida or in Israel!

CONGRATULATIONS ...

... to **Congregation Habonim of Toronto**, which has made an exemplary gift to UJA/Operation Exodus. "I can only say that the final result for our small congregation is really quite fantastic," **H. Schafer** wrote on behalf of the members, attaching the closing payment on their commitment ...

The **Marketing Division** will hold a special screening of the film "Sam & Me" at the Film House, Nov. 28 ... Division Co-Chairmen are **Loretta Levinson** and **David Engel**, and Event Co-Chairmen are **Debra Spears, Jeff Levy, Vanessa Stanley** and **Shawna Morris**.

2,000 LAWYERS

With over 2,000 cards in their division, canvassers for the UJA **Lawyers Division** have their work cut out for them ... Despite the overwhelming challenge, the Division is well on its way, with an overall increase of over 23%! Co-Chairmen are **Robert Cohen, Lorri Kushnir, Donna Shier** and **Richard Sutin**.

Gordie Wolf, Director of Jewish Family & Child Service, a beneficiary of UJA funds, recently addressed the lawyers at the offices of Goodman and Carr. He spoke about the supplementary assistance program for the Jewish poor. The caseload of JF&CS increased by 35% over the past year ...

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Feb.	7,164	8,403	20,524	22,859
March	13,336	14,609	38,850	37,468
Apr.	16,286	17,707	50,146	55,175
May	16,048	17,580	66,194	72,755
June	21,372	21,755	87,566	94,510
July	10,325	25,201	97,891	119,711
Aug.	8,943	9,822	106,834	129,533
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Oct.	9,845	10,584	126,556	**150,729**

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Tribute to war veterans

On Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka of Machzikei Hadas Congregation in Ottawa delivered the closing benediction at the official ceremony on Parliament Hill. Standing before an assembly which included the Duchess of York, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, veterans and Silver Cross Mothers, Rabbi Bulka paid tribute to the nation's war dead and prayed for the future of Canada and the world.

The theme for today is remembrance. We remember fellow Canadians who risked and lost their lives to fight the forces of tyranny. Had they not prevailed, we would likely not have the freedoms we so enjoy and unfortunately take for granted.

But the spirit of remembrance goes beyond mere recollection. Remembrance is the active process of translating the dedication of the past into a vision for the future. We did not fight battles in the international arena, merely to gain the freedom to self-destruct on the domestic stage.

We wrongly assume that the opposite of war is peace. But peace is only the condition that exists in the absence of war. The true opposite of war is harmony. If war is when people are out to destroy each other, then the opposite condition is when people are out to enhance each other. That is harmony.

The greatest tribute we can give to our heroes of yesterday is to effect a harmony for tomorrow — harmony between the sexes, harmony between cultures, harmony between all peoples.

We can and should pray to God to help us realize this goal. At the same time, we must realize that Godly intervention only follows our own human intervention.

With our initiative, and God's help, let us all hope that the vision of a future characterized by harmony will be the prevailing reality in our world. Amen.

Minority groups confront QHRC

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Cultural and minority communities sounded appeased but cautious last week after confronting the chairman of the Quebec Human Rights Commission [QHRC], Yves Lafontaine, over his inflammatory remarks that minority groups protest racist incidents too much.

After what was described as a stormy, 3-hour meeting with leaders of 26 minority groups including Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec region, Lafontaine issued a statement regretting his comments, which appeared in both *La Presse* and *The Gazette*.

CJC Quebec region community relations director Jack Jedwab said minorities will be "fair" and will give Lafontaine a second chance. But, he added, "It will be extremely difficult for [him] to recover from this.

"We remain skeptical. But it is a starting point. We'll have to see what emerges and we'll be closely watching his next step. If there's no sign of improvement, the verdict will be a different one."

Lafontaine also promised to set up a committee of representatives from both the commission and minority groups which would devise specific strategies to combat racism.

Ian Kagedan, governmental affairs director of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, said from Ottawa that the apology and the new committee look like a "positive development," but that Lafontaine's credibility can only be re-established by translating words into action.

The truce between Lafontaine and minority groups ended a week in which the QHRC chairman found himself continually under the gun for his assertions that minorities overreact to racist incidents and that the English-language media have been playing up such incidents during the constitutional debate to reflect badly on "Quebecers."

One of the comments that got Lafontaine into trouble was his claim that the CBC and *The Globe and Mail* gave too much "national attention" to "some Ku Klux Klan pamphlets in a few mailboxes in Bury" in the Eastern Townships. Clearly astounded, federal Liberal multiculturalism critic Shirley Maheu called it inconceivable that Lafontaine would downplay the danger of the Klan.

Anti-racism groups and leaders of the black, Islamic and Jewish communities gave Lafontaine two days to clarify his remarks. At a joint press conference with the Islamic and black leaders, CJC Quebec region did not ask for his resignation, but did demand a meeting, which took place last Thursday night.

At the press conference, Rabbi Reuben Poupko, a member of the Quebec region's community relations committee, voiced fear that Lafontaine heading the QHRC could turn into a case of "the fox guarding the chicken coop."

And in an unusually strongly-worded Congress statement, regional chairman Goldie Hershon expressed shock, anger and disappointment. "Mr. Lafontaine has seriously damaged his ability to fulfil his mandate," she said.

The next day, B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights joined the fray, with national chairman Stephen Scheinberg also demanding that Lafontaine answer critics.

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

FAERMAN

Sarah Faerman, of Toronto, is curious about the origin and significance of her surname, pronounced Fireman.

She doubts whether her forebears belonged to a volunteer fire brigade and believes that there must be other explanations.

Since her ancestors came from Russia near Romania, the origin may be Firminis (Furmenyes) a village in Romania.

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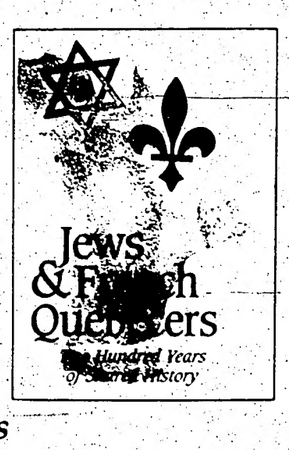

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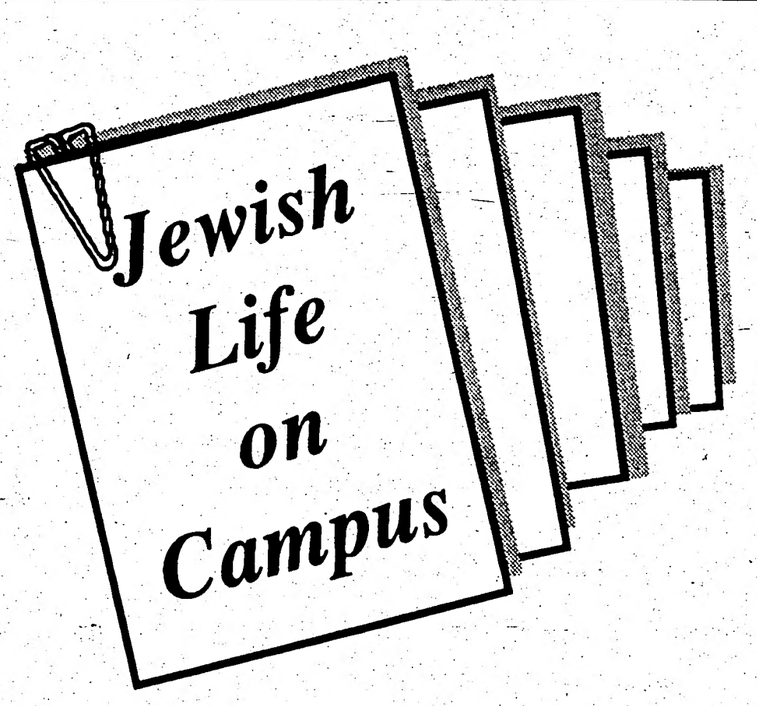

This week The CJN begins a series that looks at Jewish life on university campuses across Canada. Part One features the University of Western Ontario in London and Hamilton's McMaster University.

JSU remains most active at Western in London

By
FRANCES KRAFT

LONDON, ONT. —
The University of Western Ontario is home to a thriving cluster of Jewish student groups.

As on many campuses, however, the proportion of Jewish students who are actual members of the groups is disappointingly low. Of the 3,000 Jewish students who make up at least 10 percent of Western's total student population, only 375 paid the $5 annual fee to join the Jewish Student Union (JSU), says Shelly Feld, chairman of the Coalition of Western Jewish Students, a subgroup of the JSU. Feld noted, however, that a lot of non-members attend their programs. "We're always looking for more students to get involved," he told *The CJN*.

Francee Ender, campus co-ordinator, who has an office at the local JCC, noted that the JSU is the largest or second-largest student group on the Western campus, and Feld added that, based on their programming, they are the most active JSU in Canada.

There are four Jewish student groups that fall under the umbrella of Western's JSU. Formed three or four years ago, the Coalition has a political and educational focus. It comprises an Israel action committee which concerns itself with Zionism and issues regarding Israel, a Holocaust and anti-Semitism awareness committee, and an oppressed Jewry committee.

The Coalition runs up to three programs a month, says Feld, including an annual Kristallnacht ceremony at which candles are lit and a six-foot-square piece of glass marked with a swastika is broken. Holocaust survivors and members of the university's administration are included in the ceremony, says Feld.

The Coalition instituted an annual racism awareness week last year, and received an $800 grant from the city of London towards its Holocaust awareness week to be held this coming February.

Along with the Coalition, Western's JSU is comprised of Hillel, which focuses on religious, social and cultural programming; and two new groups: a student Chabad group and the Jewish Graduate and Professional Students' Society (JGPSS).

The JGPSS is basically "a Hillel-style program for older students," made up primarily of medical and law students, says Feld.

Although this is the first year that Chabad has organized a student committee, there has been a Chabad House about two blocks from campus for the past six years, says Feld. Chabad organizes special events for the Jewish holidays and hosts bi-weekly Friday night dinners which regularly attract a couple of dozen students.

Western students (from left) Joel Ross, Shelly Feld, Jordan Feld and Rachel Sklar.

The campus Chabad group is independently funded through the Lubavitch movement, Feld told *The CJN*. The United Jewish Appeal funds the majority of the JSU's programming, and this year they received $4,000 from B'nai Brith's London Lodge, a group which is "very supportive," said Ender.

The Jewish students have a "very active" Operation Exodus, says Feld. Last year they raised over $10,000, a goal which they hope to exceed this year. Their kickoff fundraiser was a pub night attended by 600 students, which raised $2,000.

Feld noted that despite "a sort of muzzled anti-Semitism" and a "fringe element" of racism at Western, the JSU has "a fairly good working relationship with Palestinian groups on campus," which Feld says has improved in the last few years.

In fact, at time of writing an executive dinner was being planned for Arab and Jewish student leaders to sit down together and discuss issues.

"We don't disrupt each other's programs," said Feld, " [although] we may attend and ask challenging questions. Through co-operation and understanding we have managed to improve relations significantly."

Rabbi Shalom Kurz addresses UWO students during a rally for Israel during the Scud attacks.

McMaster group thrives despite financial cuts

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
McMaster Jewish Students Association (MJSA) is alive and functioning, even if under straitened circumstances, reports the group's adviser, Sheila Freedman.

The main threat to the group's survival was last December's suspension by B'nai Brith Canada of funds to youth groups, including Hillel, funds which had hitherto provided for her salary as a part-time professional adviser.

And the further reduction of funds by Congress, which has traditionally funded student programming, made MJSA's already "very rocky" situation precarious indeed.

"It would have been an absolute crime," declares Freedman, if the group had been forced "to go down" as a result of these cuts.

A graduate of U of T and a qualified teacher, Freedman has been co-ordinator of MJSA for eight years and her experience has convinced her, she says, that without some professional direction, the group would no longer be viable.

As she points out, the students do not have the time necessary to attend to administrative functions which make a group such as this function efficiently and effectively.

And a functioning and effective Jewish student group is essential on a campus such as McMaster, she insists.

There are relatively few Jewish students at McMaster, which means, she explained in a recent interview at Beth Jacob school, where she teaches afternoons, that if there is no Jewish student group, Jewish students have virtually no opportunity to meet others.

In a large class, even if there are one or two Jewish students, how are you going to know? she asks.

MJSA provides that opportunity. As an example, she cites the case of one student whose parents feared their daughter would not meet any Jewish students here — but who, happily, met her future husband through Hillel.

Indeed, Freedman points with pride to three marriages, one baby and another due shortly, and two engagements — all because of MJSA! "And one even made aliyah."

Furthermore, she is "thrilled" that students who have long left McMaster, continue to keep in touch. "Hillel definitely had an effect."

A Jewish student group, especially on a campus such as McMaster, "is a definite necessity. I feel very strongly about it. I only wish we could reach more," adds Freedman, whose son is a first year student at York and her daughter in first year medicine at U of T.

Meanwhile Freedman's salary has been "picked up" by Federation and programming funds will be considerably less.

Funding will be based on the number of students who sign up, which Freedman expects to be around 500.

So far, the group has not yet received anything but because she began cutting back as soon as she received the letter announcing the cutbacks last January, "a small carry-over from last year" has enabled the group to function thus far.

Amongst other economies, the reduction in funding has meant that for the first time, a charge of $7 will have to be made for the hitherto free Shabbat dinners.

Always popular, an average of 30 students attend these dinners, which are held four times a year.

Besides such necessities as office supplies, mailings and telephone, the money also subsidizes the weekly Thursday kosher lunches, attendance at Network conferences and other inter-campus activities, pays for speakers and even provides for a small subsidy for students who attend summer or other courses in Israel.

Sheila Freedman

Also, advertisements in *The Silhouette*, the McMaster student newspaper, are expensive but necessary, Freedman explains, "because we want to maintain a high profile on campus."

However, because of the Gulf crisis, the group last year "kept a very low profile."

The Muslims "are very strong" on the McMaster campus and since the intifada, says Freedman, there have been a lot of anti-Semitic articles in the campus press, as well as a number of "incidents," including swastikas painted on the MJSA's lounge door.

Luckily, "this year it's been quiet so far."

With third year biochemistry student from Toronto, Mark Schwartz, continuing as president for a second term and Hamiltonian Richard Price as vice-president, "we have a very good executive this year," Freedman reports.

One of the buildings at McMaster University.

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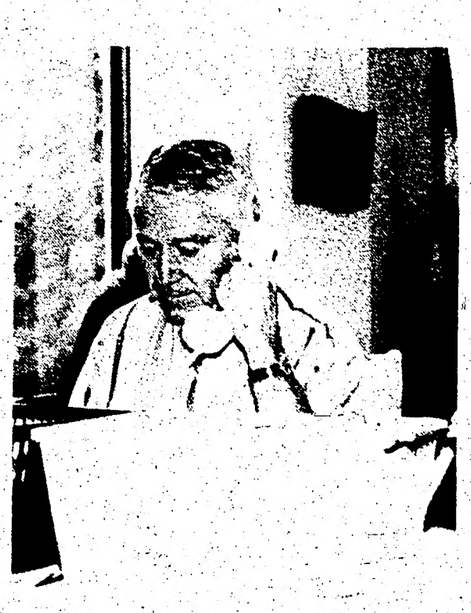

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New KGB leaders to re-open Wallenberg files

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Vladimir Bakatin, the new head of the KGB, appointed in the wake of the foiled August coup against Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, has vowed to be completely up front in investigating the fate of Raoul Wallenberg, says Montreal human rights lawyer Irwin Cotler.

Cotler, the McGill law professor who has made the Swedish diplomat's fate a personal cause, said in an interview on return from the Soviet Union that the case is now being treated seriously for the very first time, the result of the old Soviet guard being purged.

Those no longer a part of the scene include Bakatin's predecessor at the KGB, Vladimir Kryuchkov, awaiting trial for treason, and then Interior Minister Boris Pugo, who committed suicide after the junta. Ironically, Bakatin, a reform-minded liberal, once held the post of interior minister until Gorbachev replaced him with Pugo to appease hard-liners.

Despite assurances made to commission investigators in August 1990 that prisons and files relating to Wallenberg would be accessible, Kryuchkov and Pugo impeded and shut down the inquiry, Cotler said, tacitly acknowledging that the commission may have been misled.

An earlier incarnation of the Wallenberg commission led by Cotler concluded there was "compelling" evidence, including eyewitness testimony through the 1960s, '70s and even '80s, that Wallenberg, credited with saving thousands of Hungarian Jewish lives during World War II, was still alive. The unwavering official Soviet line has been that Wallenberg died of a heart attack in 1947 in prison at age 35.

Cotler said it was Kryuchkov and Pugo who blocked the Soviet procurator-general, Nikolai Trubin, from effectively pursuing the Wallenberg case. Trubin has promised Cotler a full and open investigation under the new KGB leadership, which has access to all the Wallenberg files.

Irwin Cotler

Cotler thinks there is reason to think Trubin will keep his promise. Trubin, a pre-coup appointee, offered to resign after the coup, apparently as an honorable gesture when his employees did not try hard enough to fend it off.

Trubin has also been accused of concealing the facts behind the 1989 Soviet army massacre of civilians in Georgia and in Vilnius this year, but he pledged to Cotler that in these cases it was the KGB, under Kryuchkov, that covered up the evidence.

Bakatin agreed to a four-pronged approach entailing methodically seeking out archival files, witnesses, extending the search beyond an "internal inquiry," and pursuing Wallenberg's medical history, since Cotler noticed that Wallenberg underwent medical care often.

Given that, Cotler said one real possibility is that Wallenberg is indeed dead (he would be 79 today), but he insists the burden is on the Soviets to provide conclusive evidence one way or the other.

If Wallenberg did indeed die years ago, Cotler agreed, it would readily explain no Soviet investigation previously taking place. But new evidence obtained by Cotler in September shows that as late as 1966, the Soviets offered Sweden a trade — an unidentified Swede in Soviet custody for a Swedish Soviet spy, Stig Wennerstrom.

Cotler said Wallenberg's brother, Guy von Dardel, was told by Swedish lawyer Karl-Gustav Svingel that the Soviets claimed they had "the Swede you are looking for."

Cotler feels the fresh impetus to resolve Wallenberg's fate "should yield results" despite setbacks that could arise, including destroyed evidence, the current "culture of anarchy" in the U.S.S.R., and the possibility that Wallenberg simply got a prison number and "became one of the disappeared people."

Commission members will meet in mid-December to assess progress, and Cotler is hopeful.

"Bakatin told me the Wallenberg case is the most embarrassing stain on the Soviet Union," he said, one that it finally, apparently, will try to remove.

Former prisoners may get apology

NEW YORK —

The chief prosecutor of the Soviet Union, Nikolai Trubin, has told the World Jewish Congress that he is anxious to begin the process of rehabilitation of some of the country's most noted former political prisoners.

Among those Trubin specifically cited were such celebrated cases as former Refuseniks, Natan Sharansky, Ida Nudel and Yosef Begun.

Trubin met in Moscow earlier this month with the Canadian chairman of the World Jewish Congress, Prof. Irwin Cotler, who was attending the Human Rights meeting of the CSCE.

Cotler, professor of law at McGill University in Montreal, served as Sharansky's lawyer when the former Prisoner of Conscience was jailed by Soviet authorities on charges of "anti-Soviet slander and agitation." Trubin invited Cotler to formally apply for rehabilitation on behalf of his former clients.

In their discussions, Trubin told Cotler that the rehabilitation of the former political prisoners could be rapidly undertaken and that it would involve the authorities issuing a formal apology and possibly compensation for the unlawful imprisonment they had suffered.

Trubin said the criterion for deciding on exoneration would be whether the activity for which the former prisoners were held would be considered a crime under the present Soviet legal system.

"Trubin showed me the file on Solzhenitsyn," Cotler said. "There was nothing in it," he added, "only the indication that he was being charged with publishing his works abroad.

Cotler said that Trubin was also prepared to open up his ministry's files on the case of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who rescued thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Nazis and who later disappeared into the Soviet Gulag system.

"He believed that it would not be a long time till we got to the bottom of the Wallenberg mystery," said Cotler, who heads up an investigation team on the Wallenberg case.

Among other specific cases Cotler and Trubin took up as eligible for rehabilitation were the former Prisoners of Zion, Nudel and Begun, who had been imprisoned for teaching Hebrew.

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Around The World

The News In Brief

Israel, S. Africa sign pact

JERUSALEM — Israel and South Africa have signed a memorandum of understanding, pledging to work toward closer economic and cultural ties. The document was signed by Foreign Ministers David Levy and F. R. (Pik) Botha.

The memorandum calls for co-operation in art, science, sports, education, medicine, agriculture, tourism, transportation and other areas.

The two countries pledged to set up a committee to promote these ties. It will meet every two years; the first meeting will take place in South Africa.

The memorandum specifies that the two countries will encourage student exchanges through the establishment of special scholarship funds.

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Multiple transplants

TEL AVIV — Multiple organ transplants from a single donor may have saved the lives of five Israeli patients classified as terminally ill.

A heart, liver, pancreas and two kidneys were removed from a 35-year-old American Christian of Vietnamese origin who was declared brain dead after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage Nov. 7 during a pilgrimage to holy places.

The heart was transplanted at Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem, to Yona Fidel of Rishon le-Zion, a 47-year-old father of three who was a triple heart attack victim.

The liver transplant was performed at Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikva to Galina Madursky of Beersheba, who immigrated from the Soviet Union 18 months ago.

The pancreas recipient was a 40-year-old father of three from Jerusalem who underwent the surgery at Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital.

A man and a woman each received one of the donor's kidneys at Soroka Hospital.

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Yair Levy (left) and Shimon Peres

MK faces charges

JERUSALEM — The Knesset House Committee voted last week to strip Shas Knesset member Yair Levy of his parliamentary immunity so he can be brought to trial on fraud and embezzlement charges.

The committee's 17-0 recommendation with three abstentions is considered certain to be accepted by the Knesset plenary. Levy's trial could begin early next year.

Levy, who denies the charges, made no effort to fight for his immunity, saying that if he did, people would think "I have something to hide."

A member of the six-man Knesset faction of the Orthodox Shas party and of the Knesset's powerful Finance Committee, Levy has been accused, among other things, of stealing about $200,000 from El Hama'ayan, a cultural foundation affiliated with Shas, of which he was director general for several years.

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Jail term for neo-Nazi

BRUSSELS — A Belgian appeals court has upheld the 18-month prison sentence imposed on French neo-Nazi Olivier Mathieu for anti-Semitic libel against Belgian Jewish journalist Maurice Serfatty here in 1988.

Mathieu, a habitual Holocaust-denier well known in right-wing extremist circles, was sentenced in absentia, having taken refuge in France after his conviction.

Mathieu attacked Serfatty at a local news conference, calling him a "seedy Mossad agent" and a "traitor working for a foreign power." Mossad is the Israeli intelligence agency.

Mathieu was charged under a 1981 law that forbids expressions of race hatred or incitement to hatred on the basis of race or religion.

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List names deportees

PARIS — A list of Paris Jews, said to have been used in the arrest of tens of thousands of French citizens during World War II, has been found by Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld in a government ministry.

Klarsfeld said it could provide vital evidence against suspected Nazi war criminals, including Alois Brunner whose extradition France is seeking from Syria.

The list was discovered in the archives of the Ministry for War Veterans.

Klarsfeld said he came across the file — containing the names of the Jews living in Paris in October 1940 — by accident. While working on a new project, he was going through the personal directory of a ministry archive employee. He spotted one entry listed as "group of files concerning the Jews and Jewish children, Paris Police Headquarters, October 1940."

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'Shock Troops' caught

JERUSALEM — Knives, an ax and karate 'numchuk' sticks were among the equipment found on two intifada 'shock troops,' when they were captured by Israeli Defence Force soldiers while torturing a suspected 'collaborator' in the Gaza Strip.

A gas stove was used to melt plastic tubing, which dripped onto various parts of the victim's body, burning him. Two men also carried written instructions on what questions to ask and what torture methods to use.

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Israel called dangerous

TEL AVIV — Thomas Cook & Sons, the British-based world travel organization, has promised to withdraw a pamphlet distributed by its American division since the Persian Gulf War in January that describes Israel as a dangerous place under Scud missiles attack and prone to pestilential diseases.

It is packed with other misinformation about Israel, the ministry said. A Cook spokesman in London "couldn't apologize enough" but could not explain why the leaflet contained so many inaccuracies or why it had not been revised or withdrawn long ago,

It stated that "those traveling to Israel should be forewarned regarding not only the Scuds but the lack of water, electricity, due to bombings. With sanitation factors absent, disease is soon to follow on a grand scale. Israel already has a history of typhoid , polio and rabies."

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Israel's jobless soaring

TEL AVIV — Israel's unemployment rate soared by an average of 15 per cent in October compared to previous months, according to figures released by the Labor Exchange. The increase was described as unprecedented for a single month.

About 145,000 jobless people registered for work last month. The hardest hit locations were Mitzpe Ramon in the Negev, where unemployment rose by 16.3 per cent, and Or Akiva, north of Tel Aviv, which recorded a 13 per cent rise.

The National Insurance Institute, which pays out unemployment benefits, reported a 17 per cent rise in the number of people receiving the compensation.

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No comment on tanks

TEL AVIV — Israel's Defence Ministry has declined to comment on reports from Bonn that the German secret service was transferring 12 Soviet-built tanks from the stocks of former East Germany to Israel's secret service Mossad.

According to the reports, a German official justified the shipment as "entirely normal" between intelligence services of friendly countries.

But Chancellor Helmut Kohl's cabinet apparently knew nothing of the impending transfer, which other sources in Germany said could be illegal.

The tanks and two containers filled with unspecified equipment were discovered by Hamburg police aboard the Israeli freighter Palmach II in the Elbe River port.

The ship's manifest reportedly listed them as "agricultural equipment."

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Anti-Semitism march

VIENNA — At least 5,000 people marched through the rain recently in a silent protest against anti-Semitism in Vienna.

The demonstration, occasioned by recent vandalism at a historic Jewish cemetery, may also have been a response to a new poll showing pervasive anti-Semitism at most levels of Austrian society.

The march, organized by the Austrian Students Association, had the support of almost all of the national political parties. Many members of parliament participated.

They marched through a heavy downpour from the Judenplatz to the Memorial Against Fascism and Racism, where Prof. Anton Pelinka, a political scientist, addressed the crowd.

In the past two years, 72 Jewish graves have been destroyed in the Vienna area. The most recent desecrations occurred during the night of Oct. 10.

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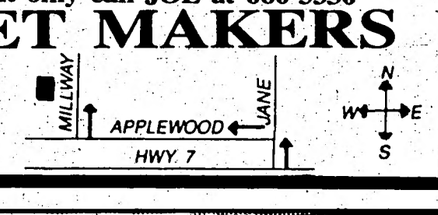

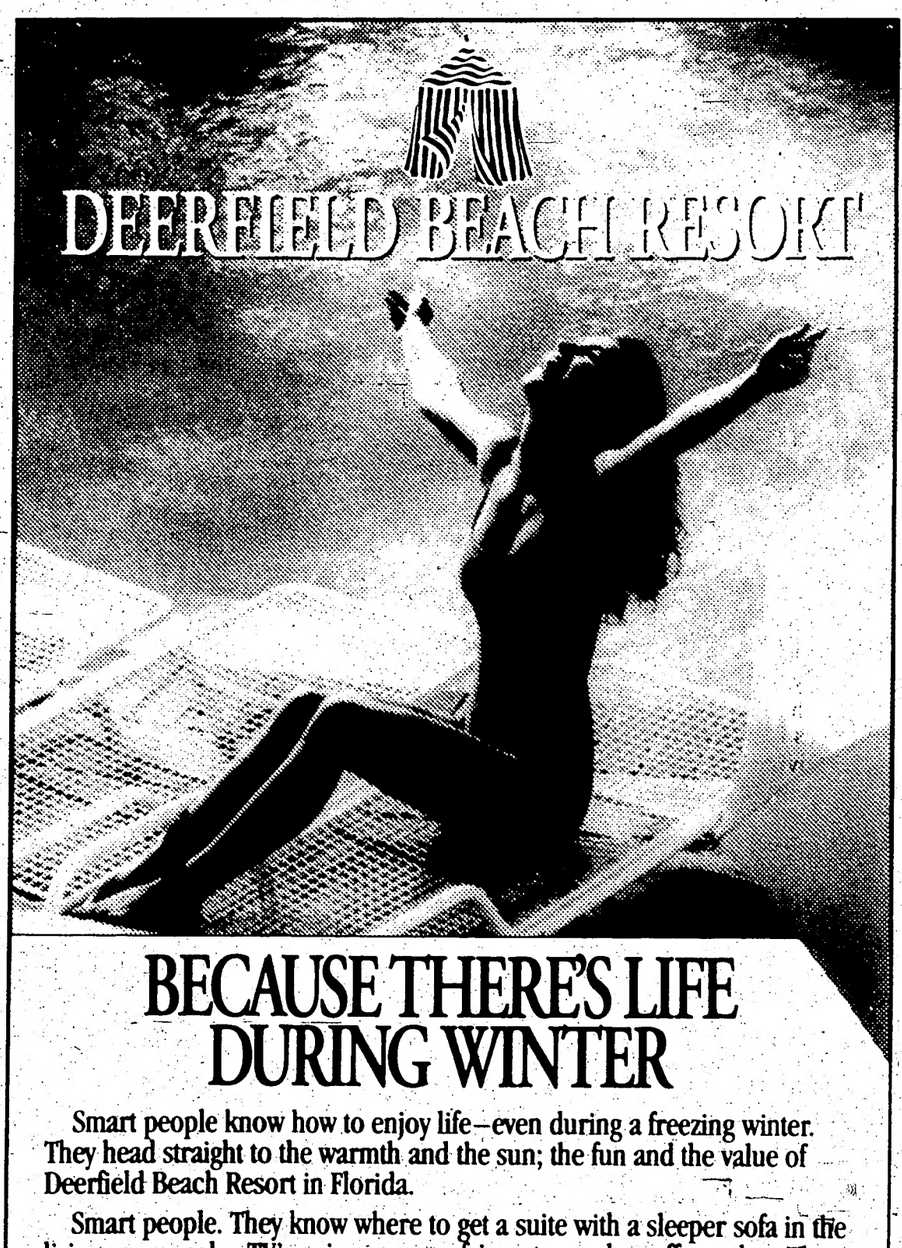

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נאָך לאַנגע באַמיאונגען, איז געלונגען איבער־צוצייגן די רעדאַקציע פון „קענעדיען דזשוּאיש ניוס" אין דער נויטוועניקייט פון איינפירן אַן אָפּטיילונג אין ייִדיש. איצט האָבן מיר שוין אַ שטענדיקן ייִדיש־ווינקל, וואָס ווערט געדרוקט יעדע צוויי וואָכן.

ייִדיש לייענער זיינען צופריִדן, וואָס עס האָט זיך באַווּיזן די ערשטע שוואַלב. די פראַגע אָבער איז: בלייבן מיר בלויז ביי דעם?

צווישן דער ייִדישער באַפעלקערונג אין אונדזער לאַנד, פֿראָווינץ און שטאָט, וווּ עס דערגייט נאָר די צייטונג, זיינען פאַראַנען טויזנטער שטובן, וווּ ייִדיש איז די טאָג־טעגלעכע שפּראַך. אין ייִדיש לעבן זיי זיך אויס. זיי וואַרטן אויף דעם יידישן געדרוקטן וואָרט, כדי זיי זאָלן קענען אין זייער מוטער שפּראַך לייענען און זיך דערווייסן וועגן אַלע געשעע־נישן אין ייִדישן לעבן. עס איז אונדזער אויפגאַבע אַנטקעגן צו קומען אָט־דער באַדערפענישׂ. מיר וואָלטן באַדאַרפט פון צייט צו צייט באַריכטן וועגן אונדזערע טעטיקייטן, וועגן ייִדישן שול־וועזן און ייִדישער דערציִונג, וועגן ייִדיש לימוד אין פאַרשיידענע שולן און אוניווערסיטעטן. עס איז נויטיק צו שרייבן וועגן לעבן פון דער ייִדי־שער באַפעלקערונג אין אונדזער לאַנד — אין די קלענערע און גרעסערע ישובים, וועגן זייערע דערגרייכונגען און באַדערפענישן, וועגן רעליגיעזע און וועלטלעכע, פאָליטישע און גע־זעלשאַפטלעכע פראָבלעמען, וועגן אונדזער לאַנד קאַנאַדע און די ערנסטע פראָבלעמען, וואָס שטייען ביים איצטיקן מאָמענט פאַר אונדזער מדינה, וועגן לעבן אין ישראל און די דאָזיקע פראָבלעמען, און וועגן די באַמיונגען פון דער ייִדישער מדינה צו דערגרייכן אַ פרידלעך צוזאַמענלעבן מיט די אַראַבישע שכנים.

אָט־די און אַ סך אַנדערע פראַגן אינטערע־סירן יעדן ייִד, און דער ייִדישער לייענער וויל וועגן דעם אַלעם לייענען אין דער שפּראַך, וואָס זיי פאַרשטייען אַמבעסטן — אין דער ייִדישער שפּראַך.

ווי גרויס עס איז דער אינטערעס צו ייִדיש ביי אונדז אין טאָראָנטאָ און אין די אַנדערע שטעט פון לאַנד, קענען דינען בלויז עטלעכע ביישפילן:

אויף די זומער־קאָנצערטן אונטערן פריִען הימל אין טאָראָנטאָ (און אויך אין מאָנטרעאַל), וואָס ווערן דורכגעפירט פון קאָמיטעט פאַר ייִדיש, צוזאַמען מיט „פריינד פון ייִדיש" (און פון קאָמיטעט פאַר ייִדיש און דער „מאַמע לשון" אָרגאַניזאַציע אין מאָנטרעאַל) קומען פיל טויזנטער יידן, גרויס און קליין.

ביים זומער קאָנצערט, פונקט ווי ביי אַלע אונטערנעמונגען, וואָס ווערן אַראַנזשירט פון קאָמיטעט פאַר ייִדיש, ווערט אַוועקגעשטעלט אַ טיש מיט יידישע ביכער אויף צו פאַרקויפן. אַ סך יידישע ביכער ווערן פאַרקויפט.

דער יאָרלעכער געדענק־אָוונט דעם 12־טן אויגוסט, וווּ עס ווערט געערט דער אָנדענק פון די דערמאָרדעטע סאָוועטיש־יידישע שרייבערס ציט אַלעמאָל צו זייער אַ גרויסן עולם.

די יידישע קולטור געזעלשאַפט פירט דורך פינף אָדער זעקס עפנטלעכע לעקציעס מיט אָנ־געזעענע שרייבערס און קולטור טוערס פון קאַנאַדע, אַמעריקע, ישׂראל און אַנדערע לענדער.

דאָס אַלץ באַווייזט, אַז עס איז פאַראַנען אַ גרויסע צאָל אַפּנעמערס פון ייִדיש און יידישע טעטיקייטן, וואָס פאַרדינען אָפּגעשפּיגלט צו ווערן אין אַ יידישער אָפּטיילונג פון דער וועלט־ווייטלונג אין ייִדישער צייטונג אין קאַנאַדע.

אויב אַפילו עס קען בלויז געגעבן ווערן אָרט פאַר יידיש איינמאָל אין צווי וואָכן, וואָלט די רעדאַקציע פון דער צייטונג באַדאַרפט צושטימען צו אָפּגעבן כאָטש אַ גאַנץ דייטל פאַר יידיש, און מיט דער צייט פאַרגרעסערן דעם יידישן טייל. „טריט ביי טריט גיין פאָראויס".

איך וויל אויסדריקן די האָפענונג, אַז עס וועט געפינען ווערן אַ וועג אַנטקעגנצוקומען די וווּנטשן פון טויזנטער יידיש־ריידנדיקע לייענערס איבערן לאַנד.

As the Louisiana runoff election heated up, motorists on Interstate Highway 10 in Baton Rouge passed this billboard against gubernatorial candidate David Duke. Duke was defeated by former governor Edwin Edwards in last Saturday's election. Duke, a former leader in the Ku Klux Klan and a former Nazi sympathizer, posed as a born-again Christian in the closing days of the campaign. However, many religious leaders denounced his candidacy. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Duke's vote up despite defeat

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The morning-after euphoria of Louisiana Jews and others who worked to defeat state Rep. David Duke in his bid for governor was tempered by the sobering realization that the former Ku Klux Klan leader racked up a whopping 39 percent of the vote in Saturday's runoff election.

While former Gov. Edwin Edwards' 61 percent share constitutes a landslide victory in ordinary political terms, observers maintained that Duke must be measured by a different yardstick than normal candidates.

Duke received nearly 700,000 votes, a significant increase over his unsuccessful showing last year in a race for the U.S. Senate.

"Even though Duke has been repudiated at the polls, the fact is that he received a large percentage of the Caucasian vote," said Steve Gutow, executive director of the National Jewish Democratic Council.

"This indicates that there is a hard core of racism in Louisiana and across the country," he said.

The get-out-the-vote effort was a high priority for the Jewish community, which "worked like the dickens" on a "war zone" footing, said Jane Buchsbaum, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans.

As non-profit organizations, the federation and other Jewish groups are barred from partisan political activity. But as individuals, Buchsbaum and other Jews worked hard in the Louisiana Coalition against Racism and Nazism, a political action committee that has fought Duke since 1989, when his first successful quest for political office elevated him to the Louisiana Statehouse.

"Jewish professionals and businessmen of Louisiana were the backbone of fundraising efforts (for Edwards), assisted by Jewish groups and individuals all over the country," said Rabbi Edward Cohn, head of the New Orleans Rabbinical Council. "We tried to be as invisible and behind the scenes as possible."

Before sitting down to watch the election returns Saturday night, the Jews of Louisiana braced themselves for the worst. Cohn scheduled an assembly for his religious school, in which he feared he might have to explain to the schoolchildren what Duke's election meant for them.

In the three weeks since Duke placed second in Louisiana's open primary, Louisiana Jews have been "deeply afraid," said Buchsbaum. "We haven't felt like that in a long while.

In one incident, she said, a Molotov cocktail was tossed at a New Orleans synagogue but did not ignite.

The campaign reinvigorated black-Jewish coalitions. "Duke has maybe brought us together again," said Buchsbaum.

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Rabbi Jakobovits

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Lord Immanuel Jakobovits recently retired as Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and the Commonwealth, a post he held since 1967.

Born in Germany, he escaped to Britain at the age of 15. He has held rabbinical posts in London, Ireland, and New York.

Knighted in 1981, in 1988 he was elevated to the peerage, the first rabbi to sit in the House of Lords.

Last summer, he received the prestigious Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion.

Rabbi Jakobovits sat for an interview with The Canadian Jewish News during a recent trip to Toronto.

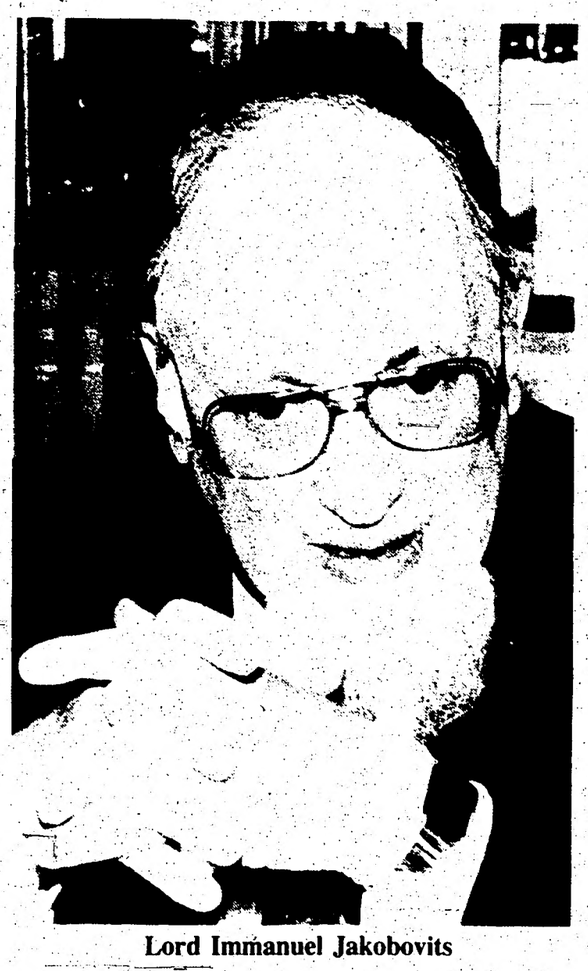
CJN: *What is the British Jewish community like today?*
Rabbi Jakobovits: The British community has shrunk badly, from about 450,000 25 years ago to between 330 and 350,000 today. This is due almost exclusively to a lower birth rate than the rest of the population.

That is not to say that intermarriage, assimilation and emigration are not factors, but that is the main reason.

On the other hand, there is a significant intensification of Jewish life, spearheaded by the day school movement. Thirty percent of our youngsters now attend day schools, and that has made all the difference.

There is a renewal of Jewish life, including more Torah study, like has not been seen in the 350 years of our existence in Britain, since Cromwell allowed us to return.

I have seen this situation paralleled in virtually every country — Australia, New Zealand, even South Africa.



Lord Immanuel Jakobovits

CJN: *Is intermarriage a serious problem?*
Rabbi Jakobovits: There is less than in the rest of Europe, perhaps between 15 and 25 percent. That is bad enough, of course.

I think that the trend towards intermarriage has passed its peak. Young people no longer marry on university campuses, a time when they are at greatest risk of doing so, because of the economic situation.

They marry later, when they have returned to their home community and family.

CJN: *A major problem in Canada is the division between the Orthodox and the non-Orthodox. Is that the case in Britain as well?*

Rabbi Jakobovits: This is a universal problem, one not created by the Orthodox. It is due to dissent by those who do not feel bound by traditional observance.

However, there are more things that unite us than divide. I don't have services with the Reform, or work with them on education, but I do on Zionism, Soviet Jewry, anti-Semitism, interfaith relations, for instance.

We must not lose sight of what unites us — a common peoplehood, that will fend and care for one another. We don't want to disrupt or weaken that.

CJN: *Perhaps a more serious problem, potentially, is the internecine disputes between different factions of the Orthodox community. What do you think will happen in regards to that?*

Rabbi Jakobovits: That, of course, is a problem even in Israel, where there are even geographical divisions.

I think that that will even itself out.

The far right, the haredi element, were the pitiful remnants of communities destroyed in Eastern Europe. The rest of the Jewish world lost 30 percent of their number: they lost 90.

They felt insecure — pockets in an utterly alien world. They turned inward, and expended all their energies on rebuilding their own communities and institutions.

They have suceeded in rebuilding a world that was shattered. When they feel safe, they will feel more open. It will take patience on all sides.

In Israel, the secularists should reassure the religious world that if it opens up, it won't be wiped out, as often, indeed, was the case in the past.

On the other hand, the Orthodox should reassure the secularists that they won't subject them to a way of life alien to them.

Each side is afraid of being coerced. They must be reassured of a degree of tolerance that will lead to coexistence, with mutual respect.

In any case, it is a temporary situation.

CJN: *How do you mean? What do you see in the future for the Jewish world?*

Rabbi Jakobovits: In 15 to 20 years maximum, the strictly orthodox will be in the majority. There is virtually no intermarriage in that group (for the first time in history), and they have the highest birth rate of those who still identify as Jews.

A lot will not identify at all as Jews. In the United States, 90 percent have no intensive Jewish education. They will be lost.

Even Zionism doesn't have the same hold.

CJN: *Why?*

Rabbi Jakobovits: There are several reasons — disillusionment, political differences, maybe the novelty factor is gone, where Jews who didn't want to follow Jewish laws, could live vicariously as Jews.

The problem of retaining Jewish identity will resolve itself by demographic trends. The fittest will survive — the most intensely observant and knowledgeable.

CJN: *You have spoken out for the Palestinians. Why?*

Rabbi Jakobovits: From a religious point of view, we can't be indifferent to their plight. We know what it is to be homeless, and suffering.

But we must preserve the Jewish state as a Jewish state, not just as a state where the Jews live. We must maintain our religious, historical and moral values.

CJN: *What does it feel like not to be the Chief Rabbi any more?*

Rabbi Jakobovits: Great! Whilst I carried the title, I enjoyed it. Sure there were headaches (nothing worthwhile comes without some headaches), but it was worth it.

But when I reached 70, I gave it up cheerfully. I have a degree of freedom I haven't had for 50 years. The community still consults me, and makes demands, but I can get on with my literary work, learning, and living in Israel for several months a year, where I have a home.

There are always new horizons for me.

B.C. seeks JNF forest in Israel

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

British Columbia, which relies on the logging of its forests as its number one industry, wants Israel to have a B.C. Forest, as well.

Through the Jewish National Fund of B.C., residents of the province will be asked to help supply the funds to develop a forest in the Upper Galilee, close to the cities of Acre and Tiberias. Naomi Frankenburg, past national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, is chairman of the project and the Speaker of the House of Commons, John Fraser, a Vancouver MP, will serve as patron.

The JNF emissary in B.C., Kami Robinson, says this will be the first National Fund project in Israel to be sponsored wholly by a single Canadian province. "The establishment of a forest like this in Israel has been a dream of mine since I became emissary to British Columbia," he said. The idea was first suggested by Leo Levey, a past president of the JNF of British Columbia.

Robinson said the site was selected by the JNF head office in Jerusalem, with guidance from him.

A picnic and rest area will be built and the trees planted on Har Kamon hill. From a lookout, which will be built in the park, the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) can be viewed, said Robinson.

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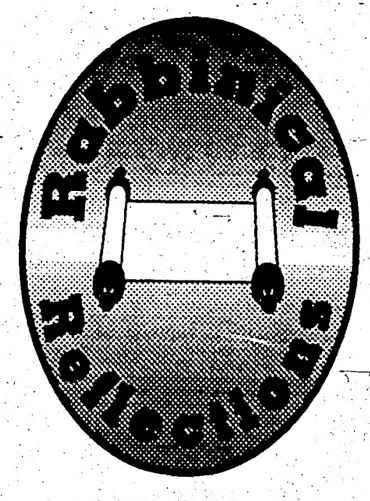

By
RABBI RON AIGEN

One of the most memorable images from the early Torah narratives is that of Jacob wrestling with the angel. This episode is of great importance because it gives us the meaning of our identity as "Yisrael" — the one who wrestles with both human and divine and prevails. We are God-wrestlers, we struggle with the divine. But a closer look at this story tells us much more about the kind of God-wrestlers we are and would really like to be.

The story begins when Jacob is about to return home after a 20-year absence. Despite his impressive accomplishments in the family he has created and the wealth he has amassed, Jacob is once again "afraid and anxious." (Gen. 32:8) He had to face his brother, Esau, who had vowed to kill him, and he was therefore "afraid," the rabbis say, that he might be killed, and "anxious" that he might kill others. This notice of Jacob's fear and anxiety seems quite natural and understandable, given the potential reality of war. His fears and anxieties must have been magnified by the battlefield of emotions Jacob carried within him from his turbulent past.

The rabbis, however, had trouble with the notion of Jacob's fear and ask, "Why should Jacob have feared when God has already promised him a safe return home?" Given several previous promises of divine assurance for his safe return, what does Jacob's fear teach us?

The rabbis conclude that if people like Jacob and Moses express fear, despite promises of divine protection, then "there are no guarantees for the righteous in this world." (Gen. R. 76:2) This is indeed a bold and shocking theological statement. If there are no promises of perfect justice, no guarantees for unmitigated happiness, how then should we proceed?

We learn from Jacob to develop a three-fold strategy. First he prays. He gives expression to his emotions and seeks spiritual strength. He then prepares gifts to offer his brother, and if that does not resolve the situation, Jacob prepares for war. Thus we learn that in this world without guarantees, we must develop both spiritual strengths and human initiatives.

One of the chassidic masters, Rav Yehuda Leib Alter, the Sfat Emet, suggests that Jacob's three-fold strategy corresponds to the three ways we are told to love God. "With all your heart" refers to prayer; "with all your soul" refers to the battles we are willing to offer our life for; and "with all your might" refers to our possessions, to the gifts we can give.

This message is telescoped in the incident of wrestling with the stranger. As he is about to cross the Yabbok River, Jacob first prays, "Deliver me please from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau." Having then prepared a present for Esau his brother, Jacob goes to sleep and has the dream in which he "wrestles with a man" (Gen. 32:25) It is unclear who this man is. The rabbis have suggested that Jacob wrestles with the spirit of his brother Esau, perhaps a symbol of his own darker shadow.

Whatever or whoever Jacob does battle with, in the end he wins a blessing and the new name "Yisrael," meaning "one who wrestles with both human and divine and prevails." As a result of this wrestling Jacob realizes the blessing within that allows him to approach his brother and say, "Please take of my blessing."

This then is the meaning of being one of the people of Israel. It is not merely a readiness to do battle, but having the insight gained through prayer, it is the ability to wrestle with matters both human and divine in order to offer our innermost gifts.

Ultimately it is to say to the world in the words of Jacob, "Please take of my blessing."

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Peres favors "compromise"

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres has come out publicly in favor of "territorial compromise" on the Golan Heights and is urging his party to endorse that position at its national convention, which opened here Tuesday night.

His unequivocal stand on the issue comes at a time when the party is faring worse than ever in the public opinion polls and is sharply split on territorial compromise, the Palestinians and peace.

Peres gave his backing to a policy statement hammered out by the party's Platform Committee after lengthy, acrimonious debate. It advocates both "territorial compromise" on the Golan Heights and "strengthening existing settlements" there.

In practical terms, that means Labor would be willing to freeze settlement-building on the Golan during negotiations with Syria, a concession that the Likud-led government has so far refused to make.

In media interviews Sunday, Peres said Israel "must not go down from the Golan," but that does not mean it has to retain the entire territory, which it captured in 1967 and annexed in December 1980.

The Likud position, backed by the Knesset last week, is that the Golan is not negotiable and that Syria will get only peace in exchange for peace, not territory.

Peres claimed that "as every child knows," it is "nonsense" to oppose any withdrawal whatsoever. But according to the latest polls, that is what a majority of Israelis do.

In another compromise plank, the Platform Committee called for recognition of the "national rights" of the Palestinians, but stopped short of endorsing a Palestinian state.

The recommendation also omitted a specific ban on talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization, demanded by hawks within the party. It endorsed continued negotiations with the delegation of Palestinians the Israelis met with in Madrid.

Budget bill withdrawn

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The government withdrew its annual budget bill from the Knesset agenda last week because of a dispute among the religious parties in the coalition that could lead to its collapse and early elections.

Officials said the move seriously impaired the parliament's ability to prepare the budget for its second and third readings in the plenum, originally planned for early next year.

The budget measure passed its first reading with the support of several left-wing opposition factions and would probably fare as well in its final readings, thereby preserving the Likud-led government.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir obviously does not relish the idea of being sustained in office with the help of the left-wing Citizens Rights Movement, Mapam party and Center-Shinui Movement.

The National Religious Party, which has five seats in the Knesset, advised Shamir that it will not support the budget bill as long as it contains "special funding" for schools operated by the haredi, or ultra-Orthodox, parties.

NRP withholds support

The haredi bloc — Shas, Agudat Yisrael and Degel HaTorah — which commands 13 votes in the Knesset, vowed to oppose the budget if their "special allocations" are omitted.

All of the parties are Orthodox. The NRP, unlike the haredi factions, is affiliated with Mizrachi, the religious Zionist movement.

The issue of special subsidies for haredi institutions has been a source of public controversy and political strife for years. The NRP blames it for bringing down hatred and obloquy on the entire Orthodox establishment.

It proposes that the religious school system be funded out of the general budget, to ensure fair allocations and proper supervision.

Haredi politicians charge the NRP with political motives and accuse it of mounting the most violent attack "on the education of Jewish children since the evil decrees of the Romans."

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, an NRP veteran, said he was unfazed by the haredi attack and vowed his party would "fight to the end" against special privileges.

He said there was no chance this year of "buying off" the NRP with "special funds" for its own Torah institutions.

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COMMENTARY

Madrid had psychological impact on two players

By
YESHAYAHU ANUG

In the Royal Palace in Madrid, the ceremonial part went better than expected. It was mildly affected only by the Syrians, whose vulgarity reflected deep insecurity and frustration for having been forced to be there. Their Lebanese vassals confirmed in public total submission to Damascus. But the other parties to the conflict performed rather well.

Although they all addressed primarily their own constituencies at home, they paid due attention to public opinion. The Jordanians were as good as could be expected from a country which wants to be forgiven for its Iraqi leanings. The Palestinians displayed inflated hopes, but were quite controlled.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir too showed unprecedented restraint in both the little he said and in the lot that he omitted. The bilateral meetings which followed after the ceremonial part were important for having taken place, not for their contents, and the haggling over the next meeting-place had all the characteristics of ridicule. It displayed the reluctance of each side to yield to the proposals of the other, regardless of their merits. This left the Americans no choice but to decide.

At this point it may be useful to look at what Madrid has done psychologically to the two major protagonists. The Palestinians were elated and showed it. They managed to function as a delegation like any other, irrespective of the fact that they had been formally attached to the Jordanians.

Their spokesman was probably their most successful asset outside the conference hall as she managed to exploit the status of the underdog of the whole event. Madrid may also have proven that a local Palestinian leadership which is not manipulated exclusively by the PLO, could now possibly emerge in the territories.

Yeshayahu Anug

True, the PLO still pulled too many strings from Tunis, but has so far failed to acquire rehabilitation and legitimacy. To the extent that one can now assess the mood in the Palestinian community, one notices a marked increase in hope and self-respect, which, if not totally disappointed, could help the peace process grow. But if euphoria will be uncontrolled, a crude awakening will follow, as no result a peace process can possibly produce will match expectations.

In the Israeli public the Madrid conference has not produced a peace-shock comparable to the one of Sadat's visit in 1977, but has nevertheless had a salutary effect, the intensity and duration of which are difficult to estimate. For a moment it looked as if the increased terrorist-activity of the Iran-manipulated Hezbollah in South Lebanese territory will succeed in provoking the desired massive Israeli counter-blow and thus derail the peace process.

So far this has not happened. The situation in the West Bank and Gaza was also relatively calmer, but the arsenal of Arab terrorism is there. It could well erupt any day and affect developments. Israeli rejectionism, vocal as it may at times be, is unlikely to stop the process.

It now seems that the continuation of the start in Madrid will not depend on the initiatives of the parties to the conflict, but on the quality of American leadership and perseverance and one must hope that Washington will not lose patience with its unruly Middle Eastern clients. So far James Baker has demonstrated unique abilities, but his future agenda will be determined by two unrelated factors: By the national priorities of the American administration in this election year, which promises to be bumpier for the Republicans than was only recently estimated and by the unpredictable developments in the Middle East.

If internal politics in the United States will not absorb the full energy of the Bush administration, Baker is likely to be as effective as he was before Madrid and during the conference. But there is a problem: The Americans must be seen acting as honest brokers. This is not going to be easy. Their Gulf-War alliances have generated certain commitments to the Arabs. Saudi Arabia's part is pivotal for the new American interests in the region, for the peace process itself and the brand-new and uneasy relationship with Syria's dictator must be wisely handled.

As a result of this and other factors, the special relations with Israel have suffered and are not helped to improve by the Israeli rejectionists, who operate from within the Israeli establishment and in its periphery. To keep the peace show going constitutes a major challenge for the Americans. So far they have not blinked. But their ultimate aims are unclear and look equally suspicious to many Israelis as well as to the ever-suspicious Arabs.

The next phases of the American-directed peace effort as well as its multi-track levels, the open and the hidden ones, have been broadly mentioned in the two previous columns. Now, after Madrid has indeed happened and not failed, the outlook is still the same: A very complicated process, full of setbacks, but one unlikely to be totally undermined.

The conference has provided no clues as to Israel's much discussed ability to split the inter-Arab front into competing Syrian and Palestinian interests. Leaving aside an improbable weakening of American perseverance, progress will now depend on the effects of the Madrid experience on those two sectors of confrontation.

A visible relaxation of tension in the West Bank and Gaza could facilitate the course of negotiations on the establishment of autonomy in those areas and relegate the Syrian-Israeli issue to a position of lesser priority. But by the same token, a serious deterioration in the territories or prolonged difficulties in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations over autonomy could increase the chances of separate progress in the Israeli-Syrian context.

The official Israeli reluctance to negotiate territory in either sector seems to exclude such options at the moment, but this could well change in the course of the next months. Only a dangerous flare-up in southern Lebanon and, above all, one involving the Syrians, could have totally unpredictable regional and international repercussions.

The next weeks will show if the psychological impact of Madrid on the parties was real, or if the Royal Palace was merely the sumptuous site of just another lost opportunity.

HUMOR

On the other hand, leave your name and I'll call

By
ALLAN GOULD

Last month, I put forth a question which was rarely raised in either the Talmud or in later Responsa: What if famous Jews had owned answering machines?

Well, the response to that issue of Oct. 17 was phenomenal! *The Canadian Jewish News* must have received at least two dozen calls, begging for more examples. (The fact that all the calls were from my beloved mother-in-law, Rose Benjamin Schwartz, a former librarian at the JPL, is irrelevant, and I resent the insinuation. Shame on you.)

And so, here is a later — and hopefully, the final — list of what great, near-great, and ingrate Jews *would* have left on their answering machines, had they had one. (Or, in the case of my own landsmen from Odessa, if they could have afforded one.)

Theodor Herzl: If you leave your name and number, you can *dream* that I'll call you back.

Robert DeNiro: (Yes, he really does have a Jewish mother). Are you talkin' to me? Are you talkin' to ME?? (You don't remember the movie *Taxi Driver*? Rent the video soon.)

Eric Segal: (famous non-author of best-selling non-books) What can you say about a phone call that was missed??

William Shatner: Sorry, but I'm not in right now, since I've just gone where no man has ever gone before. Leave your name and number, and I'll try to beam you up in the next few minutes.

Gertrude Stein: Your call is your call is your call. I'll call when I'll call when I'll call.

Ruth: (You've read her book, I'm sure) When you calleth, I shall call. Your machine shall hear from my machine, your message shall receive my message. Don't cut any corners until I get back to you.

Henny Youngman: Leave your message — please.

Allan Gould

Hillel: If I don't return your call, then who will return your call? And if I expect only my own calls to be returned, then what am I? And if I don't return your call now, then when?

August von Wasserman: Testing, one, two, three, four. Testing! OK? I'm sure I can get back to you soon. In fact, I'm *positive*.

Korach: Sorry I'm not in, since something just opened up. Leave your name, number and next of kin, and I'll get back at you as soon as I can.

Tevye the Dairyman: On the one hand, I'm not home. On the other hand, you should leave a message. On the other hand, I'm still fiddling with this machine.

Albert Einstein: If I can amass the energy, I'll get back to you as fast as the speed of light. On the double. But that precludes the scientific assumption that I'll be able to figure out how to physically play back this *farblonget* machine.

Job: I wish I could be here to get your call, but you wouldn't believe what sort of day I've had. Actually, it's been a pretty rotten week. Come to think of it, it's been a rough decade. All expressions of sympathy will be greatly appreciated. Leave your name and number and I'll try to . . . (BEEEEEEP)

Henry Kissinger: If the caller is President Bush, then, yes, I *do* accept the position of Secretary of State. But, to be honest — something almost unknown in politics — I have served my country, and the world, in that capacity before. So, should you choose to step down, wouldn't you agree that I'd be a lot better in the Top Job than that Quayle dumkopf? Let's get together and talk about this soon — at my convenience.

Sigmund Freud: Do you ever stop to think about the *shape* of the telephone that you are presently holding in your nervous little hand, while you are calling me? Are you ashamed — embarrassed, perhaps — of holding something like that? Millions suffer from phone envy. I personally think you need help. Leave your name and phone number and if you have health insurance, and I'll get back to you as *schnell* as possible.

Your Mother: This message is for my darling boy. It's about time you called. How are you feeling? And how is your wife — uh, uh, you know — whatsername? But *most* important, how are the children? I almost never get to see the children, you know, which is really surprising when one considers that we don't live so very far away from each other. Look, darling, I'm off to the cleaners for a few minutes and then on to the druggist. Yes, my arthritis. It's killing me, once again. But then, you couldn't possibly *know* how much pain I've experienced over the past few years. The doctor says that it probably can be traced back to childbirth, and since you're my only child, I think you know who he was talking about. . . .

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Shofar's call rekindles timeless Jewish memories

By
ROBERT ELKIN

I don't get to synagogue often enough, and my sons, Jonathan, Joshua, and Daniel, go even less. It's no wonder, then, that my children understand little about Jewish liturgy.

It isn't as though they know nothing of their Jewish roots. The older boys attend Jewish afternoon school, and I have tried to make them aware of the State of Israel and of its meaning to the Jewish people. I have also attempted to give them a sense of the importance of tzedakah.

As a child, I attended a Jewish day school at which students were expected to contribute to the Jewish National Fund. The ubiquitous blue and white boxes were filled with coins after which they were sent to the JNF offices to be replaced with new ones.

The process seemed never-ending, and I often wondered, to little avail, what the money was used for; educators of the day had little inclination to explain anything.

"Why do we give money?"

"We are commanded by God."

"But why?"

"Because God says so. If you want to know more, ask God."

Years later, while on a visit to Israel, I finally understood to what purpose the money was used. Put simply, it was used to build a country, our country, Israel.

These simple facts had an enormous effect on me: Israel had been built by children such as myself. The lesson took. Upon the birth of each of our sons, my wife, Ann, and I planted a tree in Israel in honor of the event.

Synagogue, however, is quite another matter. As a child, I found the services incomprehensible and, therefore, boring. I have since avoided attending, and my lack of interest has had an effect on my children.

Nothing prepared me, however, for what happened when I took Jonathan, my 10-year-old, to services last year. When we entered the sanctuary, the congregation was seated. Joining them, Jonathan and I shared a prayer book and I showed him the section the rabbi was reading.

When the rabbi invited the congregation to stand and join in the "Amidah," people began to rise. I looked at Jonathan, who had an expression of total curiosity on his face.

As we began to stand, Jonathan pointed and whispered to me, "Look, Dad. They're doing 'the wave'."

Reacting quickly, I grabbed his arms before he could raise them and clapped a hand over his mouth before he could cheer.

This year, Jonathan, Joshua, and Daniel accompanied me to Rosh Hashanah services to listen to the shofar. With my sons, faces freshly scrubbed and glowing at my side, staring open-mouthed at the call of the ram's horn, a curious thing happened to me. The hair on the back of my neck stood up and I suddenly found it difficult to swallow.

The sound of the shofar, that timeless call to meetings, prayers, and to battles, suddenly called to me from down the ages of Jewish glory and Jewish suffering. And although we didn't stay for very long, I really enjoyed the services.

Perhaps it was the fact that my sons were with me. Perhaps it was the monumental global events which we are privileged to be witnessing. Or perhaps it was simply the fact that I have turned 40. I don't know.

For the first time in a long time, however, I really felt Jewish. It felt pretty good, and I hope my sons will have the chance to feel it, too — at least once in their lives.

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Discriminatory practice

The communiqués that flow from government offices dealing with minorities could lull us into believing that we live in jurisdictions that take multiculturalism and employment equity seriously. But reality, in the form of hard and unpleasant news, has intruded into this rosy public relations vision.

Last June, Helen Parker was denied employment by Ontario's Ministry of Community and Social Services because she is an observant Jew. Although she was under no obligation to do so, she volunteered the information that she would require time off for a number of Jewish holy days, which this year fell on weekdays during September. She did not ask to be paid for any of the days she could not work. Her courtesy towards her employer was rewarded by the retraction of a contract she had been offered.

After the case became public, a spokesman for Marion Boyd, the new minister of community and social services, acknowledged that "there was a *perception* of wrongdoing (our emphasis) and the minister will respond to it." To date, Parker has received no compensation — but she has received an "apology."

In a letter of stunning condescension, Boyd described the withdrawal of the job offer as an "upsetting experience" and apologized for "any distress or hurt *you may have felt*" (our emphasis). An apology, by definition, is given for a wrong committed, but Boyd isn't sure about that. "Though it's not clear to me that the ministry is responsible for any wrong-doing," she wrote, "I want you to know that I'm concerned."

She should be. She obviously cannot recognize blatant discrimination in hiring policy. Moreover, she appears unable to make the logical connection between this case and a recent ruling awarding three days *with pay* to provincial employees for the observance of non-Christian religious holidays. In the same letter, she calls the denial of pay for such observance "a serious vestige of discrimination in today's workplace."

It would appear that, according to Boyd, refusing to pay for three days of non-Christian religious observance is discriminatory; but refusing a job to an Orthodox Jew who requires four additional days, without pay, is simply "upsetting."

This is pernicious nonsense. Discrimination on the basis of religious observance is discrimination. It is wrong and must be redressed. That, at least, ought to be clear to the minister. And if it is not, her government should make it clear — immediately.

Dislike of the unlike

Salo Baron's definition of anti-Semitism as "the dislike of the unlike" seems to be a fitting way to describe the current anti-foreigner syndrome that has been afflicting parts of Europe.

Since the collapse of communism, Poles, Russians, Hungarians, Albanians, gypsies, Czechs and Romanians have been seeking economic asylum in western Europe.

In France the success of Jean-Marie Le Pen's right-wing nationalist coalition has been traced in part to anti-black and anti-Arab sentiments among Frenchmen. Even establishment politicians are now calling for a halt to France's immigration patterns.

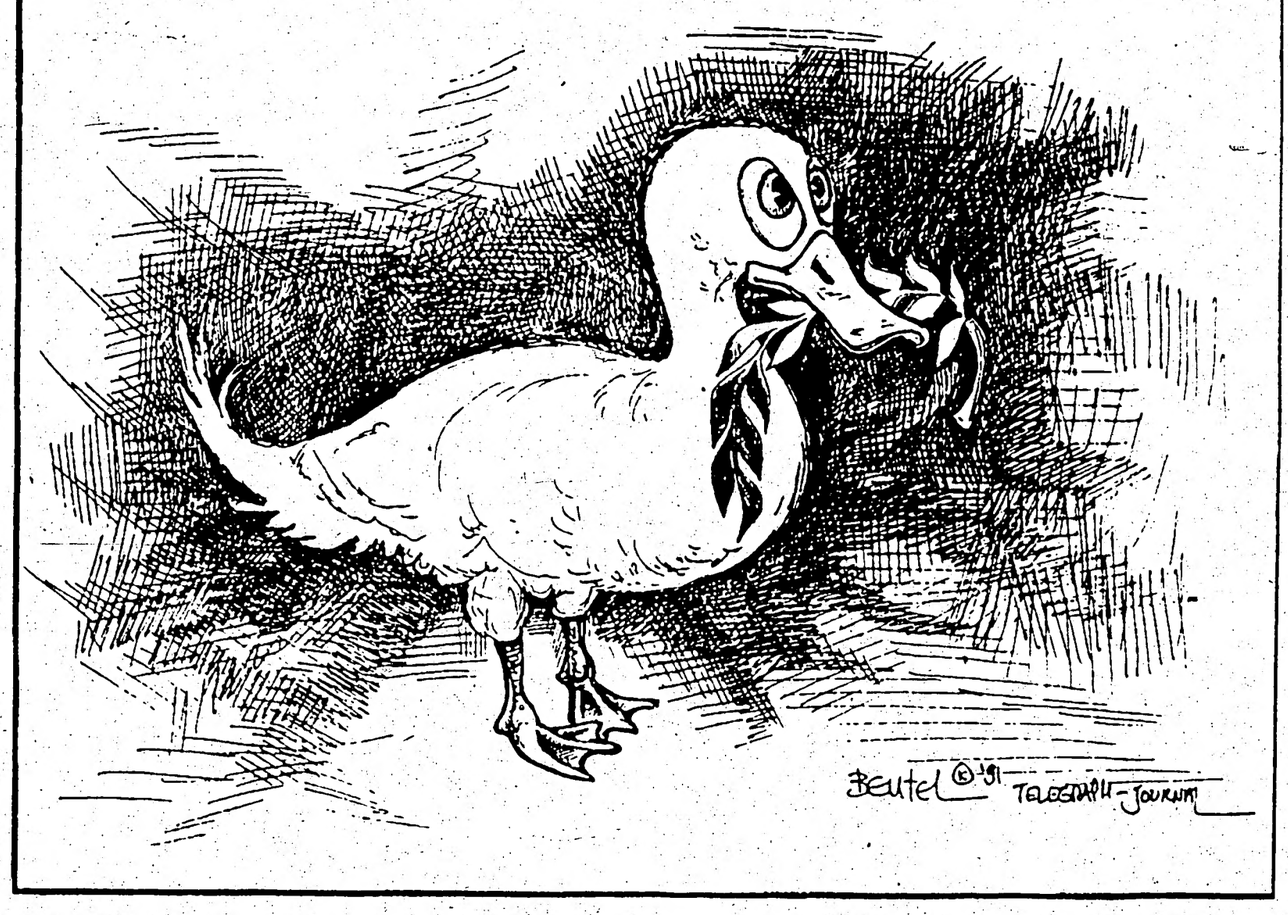
During the recent municipal elections in Vienna the Freedom Party emerged as the biggest gainer because, suggests *The New York Times*, Austrians fear an influx of foreigners. This fear was nourished by Jorg Haider, the leader of the Freedom Party, who recently praised the labor policies of Nazi Germany in a speech to a regional legislature.

In Germany itself neo-Nazi elements in Halle and Leipzig tried to use the occasion of Kristallnacht, the annual November commemoration of the destruction in 1938 of more than 500 synagogues in Germany, to demonstrate against foreigners and minority groups. But their marches were dwarfed by the counter-demonstrations of more than 100,000 Germans in 30 different cities who turned out to condemn bigotry and hatred.

It has been noted, however, that senior German officials such as Chancellor Helmut Kohl were conspicuously absent from the pro-democracy parades. The counter-demonstrations do not, moeover, cancel out the fact that in the last two months there have been more than 200 attacks against hotels and hostels where asylum-seekers have been billeted.

Canadians should resist the temptation to adopt smug attitudes towards the immigration problems of European countries. Thus far neo-Nazi and white supremacist factions in Canada have been limiting their agitation to hate literature. Decisions by immigration officials here, however, often reflect narrow interpretations of relevant statutes and guidelines. Moreover, immigrants belonging to the visible minority category in this country face prejudice and discrimination in the market place.

Dislike of the unlike is not restricted to Europe.



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INVENTED A GOLEM

I find much that is offensive in Ruth Wisse's opinion piece (CJN Oct. 31). First of all, Ms. Wisse's overall theme seems to be that the Lubavitch and Peace Now movements are dangerous to the "future of Israel." Everyone is entitled to their opinion but we're all members of Klal Israel.

With respect to her comments on the Peace Now movement, Ms. Wisse has used the cheap intellectual trick of inventing a Golem in order to demolish it. The purpose of Peace Now is not to bring about "peace" immediately (an obviously naive notion), rather it is to pressure the government of Israel to engage in a viable peace process, as it is indeed now doing.

Ms. Wisse is quite incorrect in stating that Peace Now does not participate in the Israeli political process; 17 Members of Knesset publicly identify with Peace Now (see for example the ad in the CJN, Oct. 10).

Overall, Ms. Wisse's message seems to be that optimism is dangerous for Jews. What nonsense! Jews are commanded by God to be optimistic and to look to the future, even if the present is bleak. Every Seder my family sings the song our martyrs sang on their way to their deaths: 'I believe in the coming of the Messiah, and though he may tarry, still I believe.'

David H. Gladstone
Ottawa

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REBBE IS RESPECTED

Comparing apples and oranges is what Ms. Wisse tried to do in her article (CJN, Oct. 31) on the danger proposed by Lubavitch and Peace Now.

Labeling them as two modern Jewish movements is in itself debatable; Lubavitch is not a "modern" movement and Peace Now does not necessarily have to be "Jewish."

Briefly, the whole concept of Messiah is not an exclusive subject of Lubavitch but a basic tenet of all Jewish belief. To deny it would be considered heresy (Maimonides Code, Laws of Kings, Chap. II). It's a two-fold concept consisting of a) believing and b) anticipating each day his coming.

It is along these lines that the Lubavitcher Rebbe, with his expertise and understanding, maintains that these times are ripe.

The opinions and concerns of the Rebbe are not only respected but are seriously heeded by the leaders and representatives of Israel.

They understand that these concerns are demonstrated through the Rebbe's followers and emissaries who are sent there not to raise hysteria of false hopes but to bring into perspective what Israel and Judaism stand for.

Yossi Kestenberg
Toronto

Rabbi Menachem Schneerson

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RE-READ PIRKEI AVOT

I am a reverent admirer of the Lubavitcher Rebbe (though not one of his Chassidim) and a member of the executive committee of Canadian Friends of Peace Now and feel, therefore, qualified to respond to Ms. Wisse's article of Oct. 31. Please note, however, that I speak for myself only.

Ms. Wisse finds us "would-be moralists" a danger to the future of Israel; if she would re-read *Pirkei Avot* she might then begin to understand why ethics and morality are as quintessential to Isrsael and Judaism as water and air are to the human organism.

As a "would be moralist," I hope and pray that we may become an overwhelming burden upon Ms. Wisse and those who think like her rather than an unfortunate inconvenience.

The great failure of the present government of the State of Israel is that it believes guns and bombs are more important than ethics and morality. The sad reality is that in present circumstances guns and bombs are, indeed, needed — but that does not mean they supercede ethics and morality: it is a question of priorities.

If Ms. Wisse accepts my reading recommendation she might also find there the answer to the question that troubles her in the words of the sage, Hillel: "Im lo achshav, eimata? (If not now, when?)"

Boris G. Freesman
Toronto

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DEFENDS LUBAVITCH

Ruth Wisse asserts that Lubavitch "weakens the Jewish body politic" with its Moshiach Now fervor. By seeing the hand of G-d as an omen for Moshiach in recent global events, Lubavitchers are considered naive and foolish visionaries.

Firstly, seeing the hand of G-d in history is not a Lubavitch idea, it's a Jewish idea. Secondly, the unprecedented ingathering of hundreds of thousands of Jews and the demise of repressionistic regimes are clearly harbingers of the Moshiach era.

Again, this is not a Lubavitch creation, but the hope and belief of the Jewish nation for thousands of years. It is also clearly spelled out in every relevant authoritative text on the subject. I suspect that even sceptics like Ms. Wisse would have delared these events miraculous if someone would have forecast them a few short years ago.

Finally, Lubavitch has not sacrificed any of its resolve to strengthen Judaism as a result of its expectation of Moshiach's imminent arrival. Clearly, this expectation has only helped fuel its determination to embrace every soul in order to prepare the world for his arrival.

Sending hundreds of adolescents to run summer camps for literally thousands of Russian Jewish children is but one example of this resolve. If Ms. Wisse sees accomplishments such as these as the actions of impractical visionaries who are weakening Judaism, I respectfully submit that she knows precious little about her Judaism.

As individuals who are devoted to Jewish survival, we must educate ourselves about Jewish hopes and beliefs and re-commit ourselves both to our illustrious past and, of equal importance to our promising future. May he arrive speedily in our days.

Dr. L. Steiner
Toronto

Opinion

Russian Jews do have well-founded fears

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Mendel Green, a prominent Toronto attorney who specializes in immigration and refugee matters, called my attention to a situation which is as distressing as it is surprising.

In a column which I published in this space on Oct. 17, I reported on an address by Dr. Baruch Gur, director of the Eastern European Unit of the Jewish Agency. In his talk, he had judged anti-Semitic organizations in Russia to be currently marginal and under control and said that the authorities were monitoring the situation carefully.

Mr. Green now tells me that a recent decision by Canada's immigration and Refugee Board has been based on Dr. Gur's remarks. The board has refused to accord refugee status to a Russian Jew who had arrived in Canada. According to this decision, "discrimination is not persecution" and the latter (quoting Dr. Gur's presumed opinion) is not apparent.

Canadian law, based on the United Nations Convention, provides that people who "by reason of a well-founded fear of persecution," have left their country of residence and are unwilling or unable to return there, are to be recognized as refugees. The key to this provision is the expression "well-founded fear of persecution." The decision of the Refugee Board means that the fears of Russian Jews are believed not to be "well-founded."

Rabbi Plaut

The Refugee and Immigration Board has a profound misunderstanding of the real situation and of Dr. Gur's intent. What he meant to say was that public outbreaks of persecution are, for the moment, under control. He acknowledged that conditions in the Soviet Union are so unstable that these controls could easily break down and unquestionably result in active and large scale persecution. Because of this, hundreds of thousands of Russian Jews have left their homes, their jobs and even their families behind. Many of them had secure positions in the Soviet Union and only uncertain prospects in Israel or other countries.

But the stampede for the exit has been so great precisely because the fear has been there, and because the blood-thirsty past of the Russian people and the recent incitement to violence by Pamyat and like-minded groups have made this fear "well-founded" indeed.

Item: *The New York Times* has reported that a year ago there were more than 500 desecrations of Jewish cemeteries, some 1,000 anti-Semitic rallies, and vitriolic hate leaflets have been distributed everwhere.

Item: President Mikhail Gorbachev's message, delivered at Babi Yar on Oct. 5, said: "Venomous sprouts of anti-Semitism sprang up in the Soviet Union. Stalin's bureaucracy used it as a means to isolate the country from the outside world and strengthen its dictatorial position with the help of chauvinism. Unfortunately, manifestations of anti-Semitism still exist in our everyday life and play into the hands of reactionary circles."

Item: A poll conducted among 4,200 Soviets showed that more than half want all Jews to leave the country. The poll's results reflect the conclusion: anti-Semitism is becoming more rampant as the country moves from communism to democracy.

Item: The recent campaign to change the name of Leningrad back to St. Petersburg was accompanied by wide-spread anti-Semitic propaganda and displays of Russian language copies of Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.

Item: Ten thousand Russian Jews arrive in Israel every month — despite the knowledge that jobs are hard to come by and housing is all too often less than satisfactory. Nonetheless, they come not only because they want to be Jews but also because they want to get away from the age-old scourge of anti-Semitism.

The board saying that discrimination does not amount to persecution reminds me of my own youth in the land of Hitler. I myself was never personally "persecuted" in the narrow sense of the term. I was not sent to a concentration camp nor was I ever beaten by the police.

But for 2½ years I was reduced to the level of a second-class human being and robbed of my profession. Had I appeared before the Immigration and Refugee Board (which of course did not exist at that time) I might have been turned down because I was "only" discriminated against and not "persecuted" and I would have been sent back.

It is important that this recent decision of the board be appealed, and I hope that the appeal will prevail.

It's hard to lose a role model like cousin

By
ELAINE KAHN

After the phone call came from my father tonight, I did something very out of character: I came downstairs and said to Rachel and Sara, "My cousin Brenda died."

"My," not "our." Because somehow, even in my sadness, I realized that my children are not like me — they don't sense a bond between themselves and absolutely everyone they're related to, the way I do and have done since I was even younger than they are.

They seem to connect only to people with a real presence in their lives and it does bother me, so I push them occasionally. I want them at least to have the names, to know the connections, and maybe one day they will share my feelings.

And I pursue this course knowing full well that, the more links you maintain, the more grief you'll have to live with and through — funny how it never seems to bring quite an equal amount of joy.

The girls had only heard about Brenda, late of the D.C. area, formerly of Chicago. Had the cancer relented awhile longer, we would have, as I'd promised Bren, visited in the summer and then she would have been real for them.

What the girls do share with me is that a relative doesn't have to be closely related genealogically for him or her to have meaning. In our house, one never hears that so-and-so doesn't count because he or she is *only* a fourth cousin twice removed — even "kissing cousins" count here. For us, it really is no matter where one is on the family tree, whether one married in or was to the family meshugas born — family is family.

Elaine Kahn

Brenda, who turned 40 last month, was my third cousin — we shared great-great-grandparents. And, had it not been for Bren, I might not know this. She was the person who, back when we were teens, sparked my interest in family tree research. She was also the first feminist I ever knew. She introduced me to *Seventeen* — but she also introduced me to *Ms.*

The fact I even met Brenda can be traced, as can many of my feelings about family, through my Grandma Kahn. The immediate family on that side was killed by the Nazis; Grandma kept in touch with the remnant (here, in the United States, in Israel and elsewhere) no matter how attenuated the blood lines. Many many summers, she played host in her farmhouse outside Oshawa to various bunches of these people — Brenda, her sister and parents made regular visits through the '60s and early '70s.

It took me awhile, I think, to get over my jealousy. Bren had brains, passion, Chicago-style street smarts unknown to little Oshawa me and a smile that could melt asbestos. I remember her in my parents' living room demonstrating the twist or the limbo and me, egged on by my father, failing miserably in comparison. Still, though . . .

When the Sixties, in their legendary sense, hit, they did not hit Oshawa. When I was 16, selling posters of Lucy from the Charlie Brown comic, pregnant, with the caption "Goddamn you, Charlie Brown," was still grounds to have your store raided by the local police.

But, when Brenda hit town, in the shortest miniskirts, the barest tightest T-shirts, the love beads over the neck and under one breast, a heart painted with cosmetics on her cheek — heck, it was tourist time and I got to go to Yorkville in Toronto. And I got to go with a young woman who seemed to know no fear. I can picture Bren angry, deeply angry, but I cannot picture her depressed or defeated.

Raised in a working-class family and married to a radical left-wing law professor 13 years her senior, she never had much in the way of material goods and never seemed to want them. She had her BA, in fact I think she had her master's degree, but she spent the last several years of her life happily staffing a wool store in which, when not tending to customers, she knitted things to sell.

Although we'd resumed a long-neglected correspondence a mere six months ago, we'd spoken on the phone a couple of times in the last few years. She was a grandmother already, through her husband's children from his first marriage — and she was a mother. She was so content with her life the phone lines glowed. Her two little girls are not yet 10 years old.

In my life, I have had a few role models. There is much pain in losing one of them now and little comfort from the fact I told her in a recent letter what she's meant to me.

On one of her visits to my grandmother, she spent some time getting together a basic family tree for that side of the family. She then lost active interest — in later years, when I wanted information about her line of ancestors, I wrote her parents.

But I'd never even thought of getting the tree down on paper until she moved on it and, although I have little time for it, the geneaological research I have done over the years since has brought me a lot of pleasure, new connections and some very personally precious heirlooms.

Still, tonight, I look at them and see only things, which are never as important as people.

I'll get past tonight and tomorrow and will again be able to look and sense my history behind those things — once again feel, as I think I sometimes can, the spirit of the relatives whose lives are bound up in the objects.

But first I have to accept that there's a new spirit too soon among them.

Stratford has aimed for top for 40 years

By
ARNOLD AGES

In 1972 Maurice Samuel, the great Zionist writer and one-time secretary to Chaim Weizmann, wrote an article in *Midstream* magazine in which he celebrated his knowledge of three great languages, English, Hebrew and Yiddish.

After announcing the pleasure he has experienced by being born into the Jewish people, he indicated how fitting and fortunate it was for him to have been born into the English language "and [he] did not have to read Shakespeare in a foreign language or, God forbid, in translation." For Maurice Samuel, Shakespeare represented the standards of the English language as an art.

I think about Samuel's comments on Shakespeare every time I am privileged to read or watch one of the bard's plays. The fact that one of the great Shakespearean repertory companies lies within easy commuting distance of Toronto, in Stratford, Ont., is serendipity for one who was schooled in high school and university in the pleasures of Shakespearean drama.

Next year the Stratford group will be celebrating its 40th anniversary and I remember well its modest beginning in 1952 under a tent, when the famous English actor Alec Guiness inaugurated the festival before access to the town which housed it was available through the 401. From the very beginning, however, the Stratford Theatre attracted positive critical response because it resolved to reach for a professionalism that was virtually unknown in Canada.

In its four decades, the Stratford Festival has presented Shakespearean theatre with a panache that has made its productions models of artistic pleasures both from the acting and stage setting perspectives. The presence of tour buses from Quebec, Michigan, Illinois and New York show that the festival has international drawing power. It is not surprising that some of Canada's outstanding actors learned part of their metier through an apprenticeship at the festival.

Arnold Ages

This year's versions of *Hamlet*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Twelfth Night* and *Timon of Athens* have been, with rare exceptions, heralded by the critics. Colm Feore in *Hamlet* has received much deserved accolades for his frenetic interpretation of the moody Dane. There is no doubt that much of the festival's success comes from the magical acting talents of people like Brian Bedford, Nicholas Pennel, Douglas Rain, Goldie Semple and Douglas Campbell, all of whom have mastered the art of causing Shakespeare's words to cascade trippingly off their tongues.

While the Shakespearean fare at Stratford, Ont. has been of an extremely high order, this does not contradict the fact that on occasion certain fault lines have appeared in the dramatic topography of the festival. One thinks in this regard of the *Troilus and Cressida* performance of a couple of years ago which, in my view, reflected a bizarre interpretation of Shakespeare's historical drama.

Paradoxically, one of the plays which the festival has offered several times and which has been accompanied by a very high artistic register is one that has always unnerved me: *The Merchant of Venice*. My reaction comes, in part, because this is, unfortunately, one of Shakespeare's greatest plays. My discomfort was reinforced last year when Brian Bedford created one of the most dynamic Shylocks seen on the English stage, a tribute to his artistry, but a sad commentary on Shakespeare.

Leslie Fiedler in his recent book *Fiedler On The Roof* (Godine), says that *The Merchant of Venice* is one of the most skillfully crafted of all of Shakespeare's plays. There are Jewish types in other literatures but Shylock retains characteristics that are more insulting to Jews than any other fictional character.

The success of the *Merchant of Venice*, Fiedler argues, is because Shakespeare appealed to the paranoia about Jews deep in the gentile psyche and because Shylock embodies everything that irked non-Jews: rejection of Christianity, Talmudic legalism, hostility to secular values, distrust of courtly love, opposition to the pleasure principle, and, of course, usury.

Only Shakespeare was able to combine all these elements in his portrait of Shylock and render him immortal by giving him some excellent lines as well. Those lines do not, however, neutralize the diabolism of Shylock. They merely, show that Shakespeare was a very great playwright.

I suspect, however, that Samuel did not consider it a privilege to have been born into the English language when he saw that immortal instrument transformed into a weapon of defamation against Jews and Judaism in *The Merchant of Venice*. No amount of pious re-interpretation can change the adversarial thrust of Shakespeare's play.

On the other hand, some perspective is needed. In the thousands of productions that the Stratford Festival has done in 40 years, the occasional unfortunate ones can be accommodated. I should like to hope, however, that the festival wait for its 80th anniversary before doing *The Merchant of Venice* again.

J.B.'s away

Due to a busier-than-usual social calendar and entertaining family from out of town who were attending a tribute dinner for him, J.B. was given a reprieve from writing his column this week. He will return to his usual spot next week.

J.B. Salsberg

Features

Transit station awaits Soviet Jews

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

When emigration restrictions in the Soviet Union were lifted in 1989, Soviet Jews began to immigrate to Israel in vast numbers, a historic process that shows no signs of abating.

Moscow, however, did not allow direct flights for emigres from the Soviet Union to Israel, even though El Al and Aeroflot had signed an agreement to this effect.

Left with no alternative, Israel scrambled to improvise, and came up with a practical solution. With the approval and co-operation of Romania, Poland and Hungary, the Jewish Agency established transit stations for Soviet Jews in Bucharest, Warsaw and Budapest. The route to Israel was thus shortened.

This arrangement would have been out of the question before the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, since Communist regimes were not in the habit of facilitating aliyah.

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The transit station in Romania is in a gray, utlitarian highrise hotel in a comparatively remote corner of Bucharest.

During daylight hours, energetic boys hurtle about the grounds, playing their games. Inside, in lounges, adults congregate, chatting, and watch TV. In hallways, young Israeli men with short haircuts mill about, some with walkie-talkies, constantly watching for suspicious strangers.

It is fairly quiet during the day, but at night the place hums with activity as the would-be immigrants prepare for the flight to Israel. El Al ferries the olim to Israel four nights a week. Tarom, the Romanian national carrier, flies to Ben-Gurion Airport three times a week.

In the past two years, some 70,000 Soviet Jews have passed through the hotel on their way to the Jewish state. Eli Izhaki, the director of the camp, says that about 150 Jews leave each night.

They arrive in Bucharest by bus, usually from Soviet Moldavia and the Ukraine, a journey of seven to nine hours. They remain in the hotel for up to 48 hours, and as they regain their composure they are exposed to lectures and a film about the life that awaits them in Israel.

Each immigrant is allowed 90 kilos of luggage. "They come with everything," says Izhaki, the Jewish Agency representative in Bucharest. "Shoehorns. Hammers. Even rusty nails. Some don't realize they can buy *new* nails in Israel."

Toward 10 p.m., as the deadline for departure approaches, the emigrants, young and old alike, jam the hotel lobby. They chatter excitedly, clutching children's hands and carrying handbags, as a buzz fills every nook and cranny. Their luggage has already been loaded into trucks, whose rumbling engines are audible.

On this night, there is an electricity in the air, a palpable sense of anticipation, as if something important is about to unfold before our very eyes.

They are the "huddled masses" of the 1990s, to paraphrase Emma Lazarus. Escaping political instability, economic chaos and anti-Semitism, they are on the threshold of becoming Israelis. As I gaze upon them, I choke up.

In the main, they are under the age of 40. In some cases, parents, children and grandparents form complete family units, three generations of Soviet Jews longing for Zion. Some Jews, of course, would rather go to Canada or the United States. But there are quotas, and besides, Israel welcomes them with open arms and assistance.

I seek them out.

Klawdia Krochlak, 40, is from Kishinev. She is accompanied by her 5-year-old son, Rostoslav. Her husband, an engineer, has stayed behind. "He likes his job very much," she says.

Two years ago, she visited her brother in Calgary. He immigrated to Canada in 1979. Perhaps she could have joined him in Calgary, but Klawdia opted for Israel. "I want all for my life for my son to grow up Jewish," she says in fractured English.

They move on, toward the bus, waving good-bye.

Clara Zinman, 30, stands quietly in a corner with her husband, David, 35, and their 8-year-old daughter, Sophia.

She is a computer programmer; he is a metal worker. They, too, were born and raised in Kishinev.

They would have preferred to settle in the United States or Canada. "But we are happy to go to Israel..."

The conversations ends abruptly as the Zinmans are called away.

The following afternoon, I visit the camp again, and meet Olga Rubchinckaya, a 40-year-old divorce. In Kishinev, her home town, Olga was a tour guide and scientific worker in an agricultural institute. Anti-Semitism was not unknown to her.

She is in Bucharest with her son, 10-year-old Shimon, and her mother, Dina, 77. If not for Shimon, she confides, she would have gone to Canada or the United States. As she puts it: "I want to live with him in my homeland."

Does she know anything about Israel? Not much, apart from the Six Day War and the fact that jobs are scarce in Israel. "But we are going to Israel," she says emphatically. "There is no future for my son in the USSR."

She'll do "anything" to get by in Israel, but hopes that her uncle in Netanya — a Bessarabian Jew who has lived in Israel for decades — will help.

Olga has two brothers in the Soviet Union. The first brother intends to stay because his Ukrainian wife has no desire to live in Israel. The second brother will leave after his daughter finishes school.

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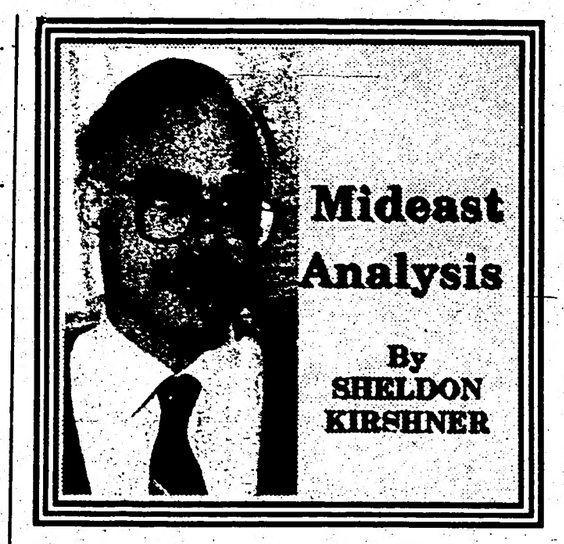
POSTSCRIPT: According to Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz, the transit stations will not be closed, even though the first official direct flights from Moscow have begun.

The first such flight took place on Nov. 6. A jet bearing the name of Transair, a subsidiary of Aeroflot, the Soviet national airline, arrived in Ben-Gurion Airport with 125 passengers from all over the Soviet Union.

Olga Rubchinckaya and her son, Shimon, at the Bucharest transit centre. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]



Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Dealing with reality

Thirteen years can make a difference.

In 1978, the PLO in particular and the Palestinians in general defiantly rejected "transitional arrangements" for a "self-governing (Palestinian) authority," or autonomy, as outlined in the Camp David Accords.

But at the opening phase of the Madrid peace conference recently, the chief Palestinian delegate, Haidar Abdel-Shafi, made it crystal clear that the Palestinians were now willing to accept "the proposal for a transitional state, provided the interim arrangements are not transformed into permanent status."

What's more, the Palestinians boldly defied the Syrians, saying they would meet the Israelis in bilateral talks — regardless of whether Syria also engaged Israel in face-to-face discussions.

These are significant developments, implying that peace-minded Palestinians have broken with the dead-end past and now are willing, and able, to deal with reality on a practical basis.

This new thinking also accounts for the fact that the PLO bowed to Israeli and American conditions for Palestinians to attend the peace conference.

The Palestinians embraced the underlying premise of the Camp David process; they gave up direct (but not indirect) representation by the PLO or East Jerusalem Arabs; they agreed to be part of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation; they dropped demands that Israel stop building new settlements. And they gamely accepted Israel's point-blank refusal to commit itself in advance to exchange land for peace.

The volte-face by the PLO can be ascribed to its present state of weakness.

The PLO — which in 1974 was designated by the Arab League as the "sole, legitimate representative" of the Palestinian people — has never been weaker.

It has faced monumental crises before — the 1970-1971 civil war in Jordan, the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the 1983 Syrian-inspired rebellion by radical Palestinians in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

But the crisis confronting the PLO today, which is partly self-inflicted, is cumulatively and considerably more serious:

- The collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, together with the demise of the Soviet Union as a Communist state and a superpower, robbed the PLO of much of its political, economic and military strength.
- The full restoration of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Soviet Union added a measure of balance to Moscow's Middle East policy.
- As a result of these historic events, the United States and the Soviet Union are no longer rivals, but co-operative partners, in the Middle East. Consequently, the PLO (or the Arab states and Israel) are in no position to play the Cold War card to their respective advantage.
- The PLO lost influence and credibility in Washington after the United States suspended its dialogue with the PLO in June 1990. The Bush administration was upset by Yasser Arafat's reluctance to condemn a botched terrorist raid by the Palestine Liberation Front, a constituent group, against Israel.
- Arafat's blunder in supporting Iraq in the Gulf crisis badly tarnished the PLO in Western and Arab eyes, and triggered the expulsion of many Palestinians from Kuwait.
- The intifada spawned a more moderate Palestinian leadership in the territories, to the detriment of the PLO.
- The re-establishment of a relatively stable government in Lebanon enabled the reconstituted Lebanese army to weaken the PLO's grip on southern Lebanon.
- Soviet-Jewish aliyah since 1989 has altered the demographic balance, while Israel's accelerated settlement policy has forced the Palestinians to be more pragmatic and forthcoming.

For all these reasons, the Palestinians are left with no alternative but to negotiate their differences with Israel. But needless to say, there are still Palestinians out there who reject the path of peace.

Musicians throng streets

By
CARL ALPERT

New sights and sounds have come to the busy streets of Israel's cities. Thronged intersections and lively shopping areas now echo to the sound of music provided by a phenomenon new to Israel — street musicians. The players are recent Soviet immigrants, and their repertoire may range from classical music to Israel folk songs to modern jazz.

These are not pathetic old men squeaking away on an off-time fiddle, but mostly professional musicians of a high standard. Clarinet and violin, accordion, saxophone, xylophone, trumpet, electric organ are among the instruments which sweeten the usual street sounds.

Passersby stop to listen or to drop a coin in the empty violin case or other container ostentatiously displayed at the feet of the players. No one thinks of them as beggars. Rather, they are adding a cultural dimension to daily life, and earning a livelihood. Most of them are young, and discreet inquiries reveal that what they receive on the sidewalk often goes a long way toward meeting costs of rent and food.

None of them regard this as the final station in their careers. Some, undoubtedly, hope that an impresario will hear them play and open the road to stardom, or at least work with an established ensemble. Some hold down other jobs at odd hours, but appear on the streets when the shopping traffic is busiest.

Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem, Beersheva — all the large cities now offer the sound of music at almost every busy corner. Normally, they play with grim seriousness, but here and there are some who are willing to open up and talk when they pause for breath. Thus, Nicolai, 25, who commands a busy spot on Dizengoff Road in Tel Aviv, lets it be known that he is no stranger to this occupation. He played in the streets of Moscow as well to make a living. Here he augments his income as a night watchman.

Outside the Supersol in Haifa's Mercaz Hacarmel, a brass trio successfully competes with the noisy traffic, offering marches, Tchaikovsky and musical comedy numbers. The three met in Israel and teamed up. Valerie Gordon played with the Gorky Symphony Orchestra; Dmitri Bolotin was with the Leningrad orchestra for opera and ballet; Evgeny Brainin, from Gomel, was a music teacher in his home town. The coins come in liberally, sometimes accompanied by comments from the audience: "B'hatzlacha" (success) or "Kol Hakavod" (well done). We walked away, keeping step with the rhythmic tune of *It's Now or Never*, lustily blared by the trio.

Felix Nissin has set up his studio outside the Nargila Cafe, and in front of the Bank Leumi. There have been no objections from the bank, and the cafe people have permitted him to plug his Yamaha portable electric organ into their power line. Felix has been in the country only two months, from Fergana, in Uzbekistan. Mornings, he studies Hebrew at an ulpan in Affula, then travels by bus into Haifa for his public concerts. When the crowds dwindle, he buses back to the Emek where he lives with his wife and two children in one of the new trailers. The money received is most welcome, of course, but he claims that he also plays because he enjoys it.

Igor and Alex have another corner on Dizengoff Road. Igor was a violin teacher at a music academy in Moscow; Alex, the clarinetist, is a mechanical engineer. They both need the money to pay the rent on their respective apartments. Alex gets up at five in the morning, spends four hours scrubbing floors, then goes off to Ulpan. No one can say these Soviet olim are lazy.

Thus far there have been no disputes over turf, and each manages to find a suitable corner. Storekeepers to whom I spoke were on the whole well disposed, but one woman in a nearby gift shop confessed that she shudders every time she hears a tango in the morning. To her it brings back memories of the time the Jewish orchestra in the camps played lively music while horrors were being perpetrated. But her own reaction she added was strictly personal.

CJC, BB focus on anti-Semitism

Not rising in Canada: Farber

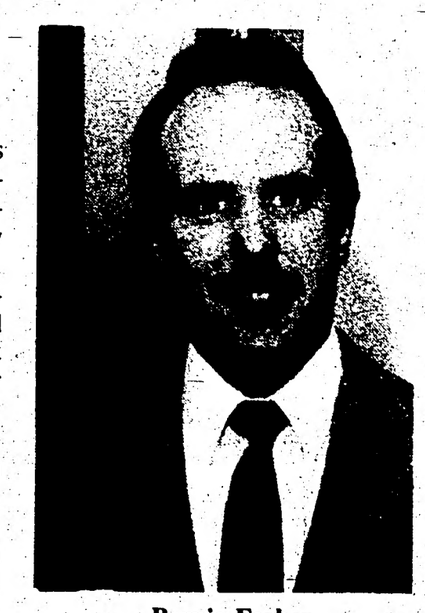
By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —
It's not true that anti-Semitism is reaching new heights in our community, according to Bernie Farber, associate national director, community relations, Canadian Jewish Congress.

Speaking on Yesterday's Nazis - Today's Neo-Nazis at the Bernard Betel Centre during the recent Holocaust Education Week, Farber cautioned that we have to be wary despite the fact that neo-Nazis and racists "are not a significant force in Candian society."

The United States is a different story, said Farber. "When you have a [former Ku Klux Klan leader] David Duke that could next week become governor of Louisiana, you have a serious problem.

"In the last 25 years [in Canada] there has not been one racist voted into power," said Farber, although he noted that there are those who run for office, the most well-known of whom is Don Andrews, who is the only convicted hatemonger in Canada (James Keegstra was recently granted a new trial, and therefore is not considered convicted).



Bernie Farber

increase in anti-Semitism in the population.

When talking about Nazis and neo-Nazis, Farber emphasized that he was talking about "out-and-out hatemongers, those who are attempting to carry on the work of Adolf Hitler."

There is no difference between a Nazi and a neo-Nazi, said Farber. "Neo" means "new;" that is the only difference.

Farber also uses the terms "racist" and "anti-Semite" interchangeably, since he sees them as "two sides of the same coin." He also noted that not all skinheads are racists. Some wear swastikas "because it makes people angry," caring more about rebelling against society than about what the symbol signifies. Farber mentioned that there is a group called SHARP (Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice).

"There still remains in Canada a pocket of intolerance that has to be taken seriously," said Farber. He cited incidents in Canada such as synagogue and cemetery desecrations, and campus posters exhorting students to join the neo-Nazi party.

"We're no longer going to turn the other cheek," Farber told the audience which included a delegation of students from Vaughan Secondary School.

When Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue was defaced two years ago, Congress offered a reward of $5,000, which was added to by a number of other minority group leaders, for a total of $25,000, leading to an arrest and conviction within a short time. A six-month jail sentence was successfully appealed and the perpetrator had to serve another six months in jail after he had already been released, a precedent-setting decision.

Since that time, said Farber, in this city we have not had another incident like that.

"Racism is like a weed," said Farber. "If left to grow, it can destroy a garden before you can blink your eyes. We have to dig up this weed every time it crops up so it doesn't destroy the beautiful garden of multi-culturalism that this country is."

Similar writing

To debunk statistics that show an increase in the number of anti-Semitic incidents in recent years, Farber talked about the hate mail he has received at CJC. Two years ago he noted an increase in the amount of hate mail, corresponding to a statistical increase in the number of anti-Semitic incidents.

Farber decided to compare the letters he had received, each of which would be construed statistically as a separate incident. He noted similarities in handwriting and the fact that all the envelopes had the same wrong postal code. "It doesn't take a talmud chochom (clever scholar)," said Farber, to figure out that the increased volume doesn't represent an

Worldwide growth: Foxman

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Anti-Semitism in 1991 is more severe in intensity worldwide than it has ever been before, Abraham H. Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, said here recently.

"To the extent we know and can measure it, the answer is, tragically, that it's on the increase," said Foxman, whose address was titled Anti-Semitism on the Rise Worldwide: Fact or Fiction.

"The further in time we move from Auschwitz, the more virulent the virus of anti-Semitism is becoming," he said.

He spoke to 300 people at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation at a meeting sponsored by the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada and the adult education committee of the synagogue.

Abraham Foxman

Earlier in the day he spoke at an educators' symposium on the Holocaust and at a private meeting.

"The restraints against anti-Semitism are evaporating, and once again the Jewish population is fair game. There seems to be an open season on us," he said.

A serious development is that while five years ago, 90 percent of anti-Semitic acts were perpetrated by young people, "acting out their hate," today 20 to 30 percent of incidents are not by individuals alone but in an organized fashion by groups," Foxman said.

"You can find hate against Jews on cable TV, on public access TV, you can buy it in video stores, you can buy it in a computer program called Prodigy and it's on campuses like it never existed before. And the greatest threat is the silence of the decent people."

The B'nai Brith official said he spends a lot of his time trying to convince "decent people" that they have an obligation to exercise their freedom of speech and speak out against anti-Semitism.

Holding up a copy of the front page of a recent issue of the *Toronto Star* with the headline Auschwitz slumlord and the cover of its entertainment section dealing with the play *Singer*, Foxman declared: "This borders on anti-Semitism."

However, he said, a boycott against the *Star* was not the way to deal with it. "This headline and this art (a drawing) is not the result of animus, but ignorance."

During the question period, Foxman said U.S. President George Bush is not an anti-Semite.

"President Bush, to his credit, is responsible for the saving of more Jews than anyone else I know of. The Ethiopian airlift could not have happened without the United States. His record on Soviet Jewry is an open book. His policy on the Middle East is flawed, but he understands and is sensitive to Israel. But he does treat it like any other country and on a case-by-case basis. He is open-minded.

"He may not be a Zionist but he is leading the way in rescinding the UN resolution which equates Zionism with racism."

The meeting was chaired by Brian Morris, chairman of the institute, while the speaker was introduced by Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, and thanked by Martin Krossel, adult education committee chairman.

CCCJ to mark 44th anniversary

TORONTO —
The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews (CCCJ) will hold the 44th Anniversary and Awards Banquet on the evening of Monday, Nov. 25, at the Concert Hall, The Royal York Hotel, to present the Human Relations Award to three individuals for exemplary contributions in community service to Canadians.

Singer Salome Bey, recipient of the 1991 Toronto Arts Award in the performing arts category, will perform at the banquet.

The Honorable Pauline M. McGibbon, Murray B. Koffler, William D. Mulholland and Jean P. W. Ostiguy, national co-chairman of CCCJ, will be honoring the following Canadians:

William H. Broadhurst, retired chairman and senior partner, Price Waterhouse; Peter C. Godsoe, vice-chairman, Bank of Nova Scotia; Isadore Sharp, chairman and president, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts.

Tickets are available from the CCCJ at $125 each, tables of 10 at $1,250. Tax receipts will be issued for the maximum allowable amount. All proceeds will go to CCCJ in support of achieving their ongoing objective of promoting positive intercultural and race relations in Canada.

The CCCJ Human Relations Awards are presented to outstading individuals who are exemplary in their personal lives, receiving this highest citation for promoting understanding and co-operation among the people of Canada.

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Organizations and People

White supremacist groups seen as danger to Canada

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO –

Canadians should be alerted to the growth of homegrown white supremacist groups with a proclivity to act on their racist philosophy, a group of educators was told at a recent symposium sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights.

And some of these Canadian racists have links with counterparts in the United States, including ex-Ku Klux Klansman (KKK) David Duke, the symposium was told.

Individuals associated with Canadian racist groups have been known to engage in synagogue and cemetery vandalism, physically assault their perceived enemies, and distribute material describing how to create Molotov cocktails and how to disable a car, said Lorne Shipman, national project co-ordinator for the League.

"We can no longer suggest this is just an American phenomenon."

Shipman told about 30 educators attending a workshop at the Holocaust and Hope Symposium that a poster extolling white people that was found in Ottawa later also turned up in Hamilton. The poster was distributed by the Aryan Resistance Movement (ARM) and had originated with white supremacist Tom Metzger in California. Metzger, he said, was successfully sued by the family of an Ethiopian immigrant who was killed in Portland, Ore. by a group of skinheads prompted by Metzger.

Shipman said hate groups have increased their profile in recent years as old-line Nazis like John Beattie attempt to recruit skinhead youth. Beattie, he noted, was the leader of the Canadian Nazi Party in the 1960s but retired into obscurity after it was rumored he was a police informant.

He re-entered the spotlight a few years ago when he organized a Canada Day rally in Minden, Ont., modelled after U.S. events and attended by about 90 skinheads.

Just before that rally, a synagogue in Montreal was defaced. Another in Hamilton was daubed with swastikas and KKK slogans shortly after the rally, Shipman said.

Another racist incident in recent years involved a Winnipeg journalist who was attacked by skinheads over a story he had written 35 years earlier exposing a Nazi war criminal, Shipman said.

One of the links between Canadian and American racist groups was outlined by lawyer Mark Sandler, who will represent the League before the Supreme Court of Canada on Dec. 10 in a case involving Ernst Zundel. Zundel is challenging the constitutionality of the "false news" law, under which he has twice been convicted for publishing material denying the Holocaust.

Sandler said former KKK grand wizard David Duke, who was a serious candidate for the Louisiana governorship, used to recruit new Klan members—in Canada. "This was his jurisdiction and he was a disseminator of Holocaust-denial material," Sandler said.

Former Attorney-General Roy McMurtry recently released a thinly-veiled threatening letter he had been sent by Duke about 20 years ago, in which Duke accused him of acting against the interests of whites.

Holocaust denial is now one of the more sophisticated tools in the anti-Semite's arsenal, Sandler continued. "It operates under the guise of historical debate" and not in more overt attacks on Jews, he said, and it accuses Jews of lying and hoodwinking the public into believing a Holocaust occurred.

Sandler said "there's nobody who publishes Holocaust-denial material who believes it. Nobody."

The league's symposium coincided with the 53rd anniversary of Kristallnacht and was attended by about 35 teachers of Holocaust studies from across Canada who had participated in the 1990 Holocaust and Hope study tour of West Germany, Poland and Israel, as well as 25 others involved in curriculum development and other education issues.

VANDALS STRIKE BRAMPTON SYNAGOGUE

Elaine Ziemba, Ontario's minister of citizenship, and David Satok, chairman of the community relations committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, survey the vandalism to Har Tikva Congregation in Brampton. The synagogue was daubed with spray-painted messages of hate and anti-Semitism last weekend. CJC is offering a $5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. More details in next week's CJN. [Bernie Farber photo]

Jewish groups slam Toronto Star

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Jew," B'nai Brith Canada executive director Frank Dimant stated in a letter to the paper's ombudsman, Rod Goodman. "This dark and evil depiction of the greedy Jew has been a stereotypical image used throughout the ages."

Dimant called on the *Star* to "formally apologize to the Jewish community."

He said the artwork was especially offensive because it was run during Holocaust Education Week in Metro.

In a letter to the *Star*'s editor, David Satok, the community relations committee chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, wrote that while "it is fair game to advertise for an event contained inside a newspaper, to do so in such a sleazy and insensitive manner is unacceptable."

Satok also decried the "stereotypical cartoon ... accompanying the headline, connecting Jews with money [as] unworthy of any Canadian newspaper."

The matter was also raised last week in a local lecture by Abraham Foxman, national director of the New York-based Anti-Defamation League.

"This borders on anti-Semitism," Foxman said, adding, however, that he didn't think the artwork was done hatefully.

"I believe [it was done and approved] by people who do not understand or begin to understand what Auschwitz is all about. I think it was done ignorantly."

He urged those present to write letters of protest.

In a statement to his paper, the *Star*'s managing editor, Ian Urquhart, said the drawing "accurately reflects the content of the play," which some viewers found offensive when it opened in London. "We are sorry if some readers found the drawing itself to be offensive, but our intent was to inform, not offend."

He said the illustration was not a caricature but was based on the appearance of actor Tom Wood, who plays the lead in *Singer*.

The CJN's calls to Urquhart were at first transferred to Goodman, the *Star*'s ombudsman.

He said that response to the drawing and the headline has been "heavy."

Urquhart subsequently spoke to *The CJN*, repeating his statement that "in no way, shape or form did we intend to offend."

Asked if the *Star* intended to issue an apology to the Jewish community, he responded, "No."

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Shiner, Mendelson win seats on local councils

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For the first time, all three candidates for school trustee in Ward 3 were Jewish. Both incumbents, **Joe Jonsson** and **Susan Kadis,** were returned, defeating challenger **Stephen Newton** by about 1,000 votes.

Nobleman, a City of York fixture who was first elected in 1966, lost his Ward 1 seat by about 300 votes to newcomer **Roz Mendelson,** a former constituency worker for the federal Liberals.

"It wasn't a clean campaign," Nobleman told *The CJN* following his defeat. "My opponent used smear tactics to try and link me to the corruption charges [in York]. This was a dirty election."

Even though fresh blood was the order of the day in York (three other incumbent councillors lost), **Mayor Fergy Brown** fought off a challenge from Jewish mayoralty hopeful and former mayor **Phil White.**

Both candidates for Ward 1 school trustee in York are Jewish, but incumbent **Karen Hen** beat **Avi Hyman** by a two-to-one margin.

David Shiner, son of the late North York councillor Esther Shiner, beat incumbent **Bob Bradley** to win Ward 13 by nearly 2,000 votes.

A thrilled Shiner, 39, told *The CJN* he ran his campaign "based on strengths. We just presented a different viewpoint."

Other races in North York were less eventful.

As expected, **Mayor Mel Lastman** won a record ninth term in office, earning him an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest serving mayor of a major city.

Lastman polled over 91,000 votes, but he will likely not be able to ignore the fact that his lone opponent, **David Long,** a virtual unknown, received over 17,000 votes.

Ward 7 in North York was the scene of a lively battle pitting incumbent **Irving Chapley** against six opponents.

But the veteran Chapley fought them off, easily defeating **Shalom Schachter** (who was endorsed by Metro councillor Howard Moscoe) and Jewish hopefuls **Michael Klein, Sonnee Cohen, Jesse Silver** and **Mark Arshawsky.**

Another Jewish challenger, **Jack Arshawsky,** lost in Ward 11 to **John Filion** by over 4,000 votes. **Mary Matrundola** placed second.

Milton Berger, in office for 15 years, was acclaimed as Ward 6 councillor.

Battles for public school trustee in North York saw Ward 9 incumbent **Shelley Stillman** handily beat **Steven Kerzner** and **Gael Ross** by a 1,300-vote plurality.

In Ward 8, incumbent trustee **Gerri Gershon** fought off spirited challenges from Jewish contenders **Jerry Borins** and **Frank Liebmann.**

Veteran trustee **Mae Waese** defeated **Arnold Goodman** and **Marvin Ross** to retain Ward 7.

David Caplan, son of Liberal MPP Elinor Caplan, emerged from a slate of nine candidates to win Ward 14.

But the big news in the trustees' race was Ward 6 incumbent **Cheryl Moscoe** losing to Jewish challenger **David Young.**

The Jewish contenders for Hydro commissioner in North York, **Moishe Finewax, Bruce Arshawsky** and **Jack Bedder,** all lost. The two incumbents, **Bob Dyer** and **Carl Anderson,** were returned.

The City of Toronto's sole Jewish councillor, **Howard Levine,** easily fended off challenges from **Anthony Burson, John Gunning** and **Gerry Gordon** to retain Ward 14.

But **Howard Brown,** a Jewish challenger for Toronto's Ward 16, was trounced by incumbent **Michael Walker** by almost 6,000 votes.

In Metro council races, incumbent **Howard Moscoe** steamrolled over Jewish challengers **Tibor Martinek** and **Larry Wynne** by nearly 10,000 votes to hang on to North York-Spadina.

Roz Mendelson

Howard Moscoe

In North York Centre, the durable **Norm Gardner** easily defeated **Jeffrey Smith.**

In Richmond Hill's Ward 3, all three contenders were Jewish. Incumbent councillor **David Cohen** defeated **Keith Watters** by 600 votes. **Rochelle Reingold** polled 491 votes.

The sole Jewish candidate for French language public school trustee won. **Veronique Perez-McCall** captured Scarborough-East York. Perez-McCall, a 35-year-old businesswoman of Moroccan heritage, becomes the first Jew to serve on the French public board.

There was an upset in Markham's Ward 1, where Jewish public school trustee candidate **Harvey Nightingale** defeated incumbent **Charles Cooper** by less than 100 votes.

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By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Nov. 21, is deadline for Dec. 5 issue, and Thursday, Nov. 28, is deadline for Dec. 12 issue).

Also, please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays *only* to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331.

Thursday, Nov. 21

THE FILM KORCZAK

The Jewish Polish Heritage Foundation is hosting the preview showing of the film *Korczak* on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. at Canada Square Cinema, 2200 Yonge St.

The film tells the story of **Janusz Korczak**, the Polish-Jewish doctor and educator who devoted his life to the care, study and improvement of the lot of children. He opened a home for Jewish orphans in Warsaw and later died at Treblinka (in 1942) along with members of his staff and 200 children from his orphanage, which had been moved into the ghetto.

A discussion by **Prof. Alexander Bardini** of Poland, and one of the actors in the film, will follow the screening.

Tickets are $10.

YALE PROFESSOR OF SURGERY

Dr. Bernie Siegel, assistant professor of surgery, Yale University School of Medicine, and author of *Love, Medicine and Miracles*, is coming to Toronto and will be speaking on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at 227 Bloor St. E.

Tickets are $17.50 and are available through TicketMaster or at the door.

Also, Siegel will be conducting a two-day weekend workshop Nov. 23-24 at Toronto Skyline Hotel. For information, call 656-0991.

Saturday, Nov. 23

Faye Kellerstein

Simcha Simchovitch

A TRIBUTE TO SIMCHOVITCH

Friends of Yiddish is presenting a tribute to **Simcha Simchovitch** on the occasion of his winning the J.S. Segal Award for Yiddish literature for his book *Tzaar Treist* (Sorrow and Consolation).

The poems have been set to music by **Gurion Hyman** who will accompany mezzo-soprano **Faye Kellerstein** on the piano at her premiere performance of these beautiful songs.

This special program takes place Saturday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre.

In addition, **Adam Fuerstenberg**, professor of English, will pay a tribute to Simchovitch, and members of Friends of Yiddish will present readings of the poetry. Simchovitch will be there to autograph his book.

The program will be in Yiddish and English. All are welcome and admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, Nov. 24

THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

Congregation B'nai Torah and the community action for Israel committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, invite the community to a public lecture with **Gabriel Ben-Dor** of Haifa University, visiting professor, Centre of Strategic Studies, York University, on Sunday, Nov. 24. His topic will be The Middle East Peace Process: Tricks, Traps and Prospects.

The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave. (two blocks south of Steeles, west of Bathurst). Everyone is welcome.

BACK FOR THE FUTURE

All alumni of B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) are invited Back for the Future at the BBYO Alumni Reunion on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m. at Regal Constellation Hotel, 900 Dixon Rd., Mississauga (dietary laws observed).

The program features master of ceremonies **Harvey Atkin** plus a live band. So, come out and find out whatever happened to..., dance a little, drink a little, eat a little, schmooz a little, have lots of fun!

Tickets (advance tickets only) are $36 plus GST. Order yours as soon as possible. Call 635-9411. Visa/Mastercard accepted.

WOMEN AND ULTRA-ORTHODOXY

On Sunday, Nov. 24, Congregation Habonim Cultural Club is presenting **Prof. Sally Zerker** who will be discussing Women and Ultra-Orthodoxy.

The meeting begins at 2 p.m. at the synagogue, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst-Glencairn). For information, call 782-7125.

SYNAGOGUE ARCHITECTURE

Historic Differences in Synagogue Architecture in Various Capitals of the World is the subject of architect **Phil Beinhaker's** talk at the Entertainment and Cultural Connection meeting taking place Sunday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. in the Sisterhood Hall of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Everyone, all ages, is welcome to come and enjoy coffee, cake and conversation. There is no charge for members. The charge for guests is $2. Co-ordinators are **Sandra and Jerry Genesove**.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST MEETING

At the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Nov. 24, **Morris Vigoda**, chairman of the Jewish Chautauqua Society of Canada will discuss The Story of the Jewish Chautauqua Society. The society is an educational arm of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods working to further interfaith understanding.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

BOOKS FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Chavurah is featuring **Linda Spiegel**, owner of the children's book store, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. in the Arback Hall of the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Her topic will be Books for Your Children: From Infancy to Teenage Years.

Refreshments will be served. Discounted books will be on sale. Admission is $5.

HILLEL CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

Hillel Children's Workshop is presenting **Julius Freilich**, who will be speaking at the concurrent adult session on Sunday, Nov. 24. The topic of his lecture will be Chanukah: Its Significance on Western Civilization.

This event will take place at University of Toronto, New College, 40 Willcocks St., Room 523 on the lower level, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Admission is free. For more information, call **Dale Schwartz** at 484-0045.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SALE

Do drop in at the Shomrai Shabbos Sisterhood holiday boutique sale on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the synagogue, 585 Glengrove Ave.

In addition to the beautiful and unusual merchandise, the Chanukah movie *Lights* will be shown continuously for the entertainment of children.

Admission is $1 adults, 50 cents children. For information, call the synagogue office at 782-8849.

GRAND SOCIETY MEETING

GRAND (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity Society) will be meeting Sunday, Nov. 24, at 1 p.m. at 16 Spadina Rd., when the guest speaker will be a family law lawyer. A question and answer period will follow.

Admission is $3 for non-members. For information, call 469-5471 or 223-0730.

CHANUKAH BAZAAR BOUTIQUE

Be sure to attend the Chanukah bazaar boutique organized by Magen David Sephardic Sisterhood on Sunday, Nov. 24. The merchandise will include brand new clothing for the entire family, gift items, toys and home made Moroccan cookies.

The bazaar runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 10 McAllister Rd. (at Bathurst, two blocks south of Sheppard). Admission is free.

MPP TO SPEAK

MPP Margery Ward will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, Nov. 24, meeting of Heritage of Children of Canada. The meeting will take place from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Wallace Emerson Community Centre, 1260 Dufferin St. (south of Dupont). Margery Ward will be speaking at 2 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 656-5408.

PNAI MEETING

The next meeting of the Toronto chapter of PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) will take place on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, lower level, 470 Glencairn Ave.

The program will be a symposium entitled Israel, What Now?

A FASHION SHOW

Donway Place Retirement Residence is presenting a fashion show for The Elegant Lady and Active Youth of the '90s and a selection of specialty boutique exhibitors on Sunday, Nov. 24. Fashions are by Eccentrica Boutique and Elen Henderson Children's Clothing.

Doors open at 1:30 p.m., fashions at 3 at 8 Donway E. (south of Lawrence E., east of Don Mills Rd.). Refreshments will be served. Admission is free but space is limited and early reservations are requested. RSVP to **Marlene White** at 445-7555 or 785-1511.

BOUTIQUE SALE

A boutique sale is being sponsored by Brownridge Parent Teacher Association on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Brownridge Public School, 65 Brownridge Dr., Thornhill.

This is an opportunity to get some great Chanukah gifts. And there will also be face-painting (free) and a raffle.

Admission is free. For more information, call 660-3251.

Monday, Nov. 25

POETRY IN MEDIEVAL SPAIN

Beth Tikvah Synagogue is featuring Poetry in Medieval Spain, a lecture and poetry readings about the lives and works of the great Spanish-Jewish poets **Judah Halevi** and **Solomon Ibn Gabirol**, who together represent the flowering of Spanish Jewish poetry and the creation of a literary tradition that has become enshrined in Jewish prayer.

The lecture by **Rabbi Wayne Allen** takes place Monday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The cost is $5 for non-members.

AN IMMIGRATION UPDATE

On Monday, Nov. 25, Holy Blossom Temple is presenting An Immigration Update with **Susan Davis**, national executive director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, who will speak on Soviet Immigration to Canada: As Their Doors Open, Have Ours Closed?, a report on her recent trip to the U.S.S.R.

There will be a community response panel including **Pamela Ahlfeld**, immigration consultant; a representative, Association of Soviet Jews in Canada; **Morris Zbar**, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, and moderator **Prof. Fred Zemans**, Osgoode Hall.

The time is 8 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents Why Breastfeed Your Baby?, the first in a series of four monthly meetings, on Monday, Nov. 25. The advantages of breastfeeding and current scientific discoveries about breast milk will be discussed.

Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

The meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at 42 Patrice Cres., Thornhill. For further information, call **Ruth** at 736-1758 or **Joyce** at 881-8779 or **Robin** at 886-8364 or **Karen** at 221-7002.

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UJA LUNCHEON

The Zagblembier Society recently held its annual UJA/Operation Exodus luncheon, attended by more than 100 people. Reuven Rosenfelder, emissary from Israel, addressed the event. From left are Roman Ziegler, UJA co-chairman; Harry Kichler, UJA co-chairman; Dr. David Bleeman, president; and Peter Ferens.

BRIDGE THE GAP

Prof. Arie Shteyer (left), dean, Faculty of Dental Medicine, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is seen receiving a check toward the Bridge the Gap campaign from Stephen Diamond (centre), president, Toronto chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, and Dr. Warren Stone, president, Toronto chapter, Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity. [Graphic Artists photo].

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MONDAY MAGIC

Monday MAGIC (Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy) meets Monday mornings at 9:30 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. On Nov. 25, Parenting Skills and Communications will be discussed by **Rochelle Meister** and **Lori Umer**.

Babysitting is available. For information, call **Sharon** at 783-7726.

THE JEWISH FAMILY

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations' joint adult education series on the theme The Jewish Family: An Endangered Species? concludes Monday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. when **Rabbi Philip Scheim** will discuss The Jewish Family: Myth and Reality. The lecture will be held at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

Following the lecture, at 9:15 p.m., the Joy of Singing will be presented with Hebrew, Yiddish and English folk and liturgical selections led by **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum**.

MEET THE TORAH

Following the recent presentation of a Czech scroll, Temple Kol Ami is holding a Meet the Torah session on Monday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. at Leo Baeck Day School, 34 Kenton Dr.

A guest speaker will discuss the Czech scrolls and a Torah scribe will speak on the process of creating a Torah and will tie his comments to the Czech scroll.

This is an adult education event. For further information, contact **Jan Landau** at 882-4181.

Tuesday, Nov. 26

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER BBW

The Northern Lights chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Canada is holding its next general meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 8 p.m. in Newmarket. **Gail Vaughan** of the Canadian Mental Health Association will discuss Stress Management.

Regular program meetings of Northern Lights chapter are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of every month. For further information, contact **Carol King** at 895-6651.

LEUKEMIA RESEARCH FUND

A general meeting of the Leukemia Research Fund will take place Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the North York Centennial Library, 578 Finch Ave. W. Guest speaker will be cosmetic surgeon **Dr. Michael Bederman**, who will discuss everything you'd like to know about cosmetic surgery for men and women.

For further information, call the Leukemia Research Fund office at 638-8522.

BRINGING JUDAISM INTO THE HOME

Bringing Judaism Into the Home — Realities of Jewish Life is the topic of Beth Tikvah Sisterhood's second general meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The guest speaker is **Ira Schweitzer**, director of education at Temple Sinai.

The Judaica Shoppe opens at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $3 Sisterhood members, $5 guests. For information, call **Charlotte** at 663-8467 or **Sheila** at 491-5247.

ADATH ISRAEL SINGLES

You are invited to join Adath Israel Singles (ages 30-50) for the next session of its ongoing Torah class on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

This is an opportunity to question the purpose of life and learn about the past so we can live in the present. For further information, call **Rabbi Sheldon Korn** at 635-5340.

PARKIN SONS AND DAUGHTERS

A special interest group has been formed to extend support to adult children who have a parent suffering from Parkinson's disease. The group is called Parkin Sons and Daughters.

The group's next meeting is on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m. at Northern District Library, 40 Orchardview Blvd., Room 224. The two special guests will be an occupational therapist and a physiotherapist.

For information, call the Parkinson Foundation of Canada at 964-1155.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, the Kosher Cooking School, sponsored by the Kashruth Council of Toronto, is offering Gourmet Cooking and Entertaining for Guys and Gals, a gourmet course for singles and all those young at heart.

The time is 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. The fee for this session is $15. Call 635-9550 for information.

MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Tuesday morning study group meets at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., from 9:45-11:30 a.m. The Nov. 26 session will focus on North American Jewish Experience Through the Poet's Eyes with educator **Julian Kraft**.

Babysitting is available. For more information, contact **Rhonda** at 663-3812.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL LECTURE

The first Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture at the University of Toronto this year will be delivered by **Gavin Langmuir**, professor of medieval history at Stanford University, on Wednesday, Nov. 27, when his topic will be The Geography of Anti-Semitism. The lecture will take place at 8 p.m. in Room 205, Faculty of Library and Information Science, 140 St. George St.

Langmuir, who was born in Toronto and received his BA in history at the U of T before going on to Harvard University for his PhD and then on to Stanford, will also give a seminar entitled The Torture of the Body of Christ: Accusations Against the Jews, on Thursday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. in Room 240, University College, U of T, 15 King's College Circle.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada will be meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Guest speaker **Scott Meyer**, associate editor of *Search Magazine*, will speak on Quirks and Quandries of Jewish Genealogy.

Everyone is welcome. For information, call **Peter Cullman** at 964-2196 (business) or 756-7856 (home).

CAMP BILUIM ISRAEL 1992

Camp Biluim Israel is arranging a meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 27, for parents whose children are eligible (ages 17, in Grade 11) for the camp 1992 program.

The directors will be present to discuss the program, itinerary, policies, costs and other issues relevant to the Bilium Israel program.

The time is 7:30 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave., in the Haifa Room. Both parents and participants are welcome. For information, call 781-5156 or 787-5350.

INFERTILITY

Infertility, an evening of information and support, is set for Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Panelists include **Dr. Ken Cadesky**, an obstetrician and gynecologist; **Peggi Lisswood**, a doctoral candidate in applied psychology specializing in the counselling of infertile couples; **Paula Weitzman**, an adoption worker at the Children's Resource and Consultation Centre; and **Rabbi John Moscowitz**, who will look at infertility and adoption from a Jewish perspective.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The To Life Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. (north of York Mills). Meetings are held Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

This is the only chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous in Toronto which meets in a synagogue or a Jewish organization. For more information, phone **Rabbi Steven Cohen** at 229-2600.

Thursday, Nov. 28

CROSSROADS OF JEWISH HISTORY

The three-part lecture series, The Crossroads of Jewish History, with community educator and lecturer **Selma Sage**, presented by Forest Hill Place Retirement Residence, concludes on Thursday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. at 645 Castlefield Ave.

Admission is free but space is limited and early reservations are requested. Call **Marlene** at 785-1511.

ADOPTION: A LIFETIME PROCESS

The Adoption Council of Ontario announces its third semi-annual forum on the topic Adoption: A Lifetime Process. Workshops of interest to all persons (adoptees, birth parents, adoptive families and professionals) concerned with adoption will be offered.

The date is Thursday, Nov. 28, from 7-10:30 p.m. at North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. The cost is $10 per person. Call 482-0021 for registration information.

CITIZEN KANE

Citizen Kane (1941), starring a 25-year-old **Orson Welles**, is one of the most famous films of all time and an enduring cinema classic. It will be screened at Wychwood Library, 1431 Bathurst St., on Thursday, Nov. 28, at 6:30 p.m.

If you wish more information, call 393-7683.

And What Else Is New...

BECAUSE OF THAT WAR

Because of That War is a powerful Israeli film (with English subtitles) that brings to light the deep impression that the Holocaust has left on the children of survivors.

Voted Israel's best film of 1988, the film will be screened at the Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Rd., on Saturday evening, Nov. 30, and on Sunday evening, Dec. 1 (two shows).

The program is sponsored by the Jerusalem chapter, Beit Halochem Canada (Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel). This organization supports the rehabilitation of Israel's 40,000 disabled war veterans. The donation is $18 per tickets.

For more information, call **Sarah Cogan** at 731-7229 or **Channa Erez** at 886-2587.

MUSICAL MEMORIES

The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem is presenting Musical Memories, a nostalgic evening of song, dance and narration on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

The program features soloist/music coordinator **Cantor Louis Danto** and soprano **Judith Lechter** with narrators **Naomi Bell** and **Harvey Atkin**, the Zemer Choral, Instrumental Ensemble, conductor **Charles Heller**, pianist **Natasha Tyomkina** and the Yerushalayim Dance Group with **Rivka Atzmoni**.

Tickets are $250 Patrons, $180 Sponsors, $100 Friends, $50 Trustees (these are all tax deduction contributions). General admission is $9. Tickets are available at Negev Book and Gift Store (781-9356), Israel's Judaica Centre (630-9261), Matana Judaica (731-6543) and the synagogue (633-3838).

For further information, call 660-6028.

A CHANUKAH PARTY

A Chanukah party organized by the Association of Israeli Academicians will be held Saturday, Nov. 30, at 8:30 p.m. There will be two singer/guitarists presenting Israeli and Chanukah songs, modern ballet, a Russian singer featuring Russian, semi-classical and Israeli songs, a dee-

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PARLOR MEETING

Shown at a State of Israel Bonds parlor meeting at the home of Ata and Henry Zieleniec are (from left) Phil Beinhaker, president of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue; Ata and Henry Zieleniec; Eric Breidel, guest speaker (New York Post); and Brian Lass, Bonds chairman.

CZECH SCROLL DEDICATED

A precious Czech scroll was dedicated at Temple Kol Ami at celebrations held at Leo Baeck Day School recently. Presenting the Sefer Torah to the president of the temple Rob Warren (left) and Rabbi Nancy Wechsler (second from left) are (from left) Stephen Landau (holding Torah), Jan Landau, Gerald Rifkin, Andrea Rifkin, Marty Strauss and Ann Strauss.

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jay for dancing, and refreshments.

Admission is $15 per person. For more information, call 927-5115.

MAKING ALIYAH?

If you are interested in making aliyah and want to know more about the army, then this is your opportunity! **Gen. David Hermesh**, consul, will be in Toronto at the Israel Aliyah Centre, 3910 Bathurst St., Suite 203, on Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. to discuss and answer questions relating to the Israeli army.

Also, Chanukah candles will be lit. For more information and confirmation, call 633-4766.

IECI—FOR ISRAELIS AND FAMILIES

The Israel Educational and Cultural Institute (IECI) was founded in 1990 by a group of Israelis in association with the Israeli Consulate in Toronto. Its main goals are the establishment and operation of an Israeli centre for educational, cultural and social activities. The institute is run solely by volunteers and is aiming to reach all Israelis and their families.

IECI sponsors a daily telephone news briefing from Israel through the Israeli Consulate (an average 600 calls are recorded every night), also the Zabar youth movement for youngsters grades 4-12, and this year established the Shmuel Zahavy Afternoon School which provides Hebrew classes and Israeli culture and values for Hebrew speaking children (currently 65 students are enrolled).

On Saturday, Dec. 7, IECI is hosting a Chanukah party at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, with entertainment by Israeli singer **Reuven Erez**, dancing to the music of the Star Band, refreshments and a festive atmosphere.

For additional information about the organization and the Chanukah party, call **Irit** or **Chaim Nayot** at 225-0755 or **Ruth** or **Amnon Lev-Mor** at 764-6593.

THIRD NOT-SO-ANNUAL CABARET

Shaareh Haim Sisterhood is presenting Yuk Yuks on Tour at its third not so annual comedy cabaret with **Michael Elliot** and **Lou Eisen** and featuring **Larry Horowitz**. The date is Saturday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave.

The cost is $25 per couple, $12.50 single, before Dec. 1, and $30 per couple, $15 single, after Dec. 1. There will be complimentary dessert and coffee, a cash bar, and door prizes. The early bird draw (paid by Dec. 1) is a Toshiba portable sound system and weekend package for two at Markham Suites Hotel.

AMAZING FOOD SHOW

Jewish Life and Food Expo '92 will be taking place March 5-8 at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill, featuring kosher-related products and services.

Attention venders — good spaces are still available. For information, call **Victor** at 771-7359 or **Amram** at 886-3810.

ENTER THE WORLD OF SHABBOS

Add a little Shabbos to your life! Enjoy Shabbos meals, singing, discussion and meditation with Sephardi mystic **Meir Abehsera**. Together with Rav Meir discover your connecting path with the eternal dimension.

It all takes place Friday, Nov. 22, and Saturday, Nov. 23, Anshe Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St., Kensington Market. For further information and reservations, phone 595-5723 or 969-3249.

SERIES ON SPANISH JEWRY

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda adult education lecture series on Spanish Jewry with **Rabbi Barry Schneider** is a presentation of the historical, social and religious factors which molded Spanish Jewry from 711 to 1642.

The series runs on Wednesday evenings Nov. 20, 27 and Dec. 4 and 11 from 8-9:30 in the synagogue boardroom, 100 Elder St. For further information, call the synagogue office at 633-3838.

ORTHODOX SINGLES EVENTS

Toronto's Orthodox Singles look forward to bringing singles in all cities around the U.S. and Canada for a weekend in Fairlee, Vt., and a winter break in Miami Beach, Fla.

The exciting programs are geared to helping singles meet in a warm Shabbat atmosphere.

In Vermont, Nov. 28-Dec. 1 (American Thanksgiving weekend), singles will enjoy fun-filled activities beginning with a manager's welcome buffet. There will be optional choices for those who wish to go skiing or just enjoy indoor swimming, sauna, universal gym, tennis, racketball or golf.

In Miami Dec. 22-Jan. 1, Toronto's Orthodox Singles can enjoy the finest luxury at the Saxony Hotel from tennis to swimming and mingling to relaxing.

So why not make these winter holidays your best time ever? Contact **Sharon Ganz** at 785-0761 or **Ruth Balofsky** at 764-5833.

JEWISH WEDDING SHOW

One of Toronto's largest Jewish wedding shows that will help you plan your simcha from start to finish is taking place at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill, on Sunday, Jan. 12, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tickets are $6 at the door, $5 with coupon. For more information and to receive your coupon, call 771-7359. Also note that some spaces for retailers are still available.

FAMILY SERVICE AT TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Children are welcome at Temple Emanu-El's new family service held at 7:30 p.m. on the last Friday of every month. Come and try it on Nov. 29. You'll love it!

Same time, same place, on Dec. 6, Temple Emanu-El, 120 Old Colony Rd., is holding a Shabbat Chanukah service and Oneg Shabbat. The Chanukah contest is back by popular demand. Come and join in!

Regular services continue as follows — minyans, Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m.; Friday evening services at 8:30 p.m., and Saturday morning services at 10:30 a.m.

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ONEG SHABBAT

Chutzpah, a group for lesbian, gay and bisexual Jews, is holding an Oneg Shabbat and Chanukah celebration on Friday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. in the party room at 117 Gerrard St. E. (at Jarvis).

Everyone is welcome. Call 925-1408 for information.

LONDON'S TEMPLE ISRAEL

Temple Israel, London, Ont., reports that a new course is beginning this month. It is a film forum entitled The Image of the Jew in Film. Five films, all since 1980, will be screened and discussed.

The course will run Sunday, Nov. 24, at 3 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 1, at 3 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m., and Monday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m.

For information, call the temple office at 673-1259.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and also Mincha, Maariv (for times, call **David** at 256-1600). Everyone is welcome.

For further information, call the above number.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Heart and Stroke Foundation is part of the walking program, Fitness at Fairview. If you are an early riser, you could be an assistant co-ordinator or do registration at 7:30 or 8:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Many volunteers are needed for one or two hours a week. Contact the Volunteer Centre-North York at 481-6194.

Volunteers are needed for a retirement home to assist elderly with activities. This is in the Wilson-Bathurst area. Call **Ella** at 789-7679 at the Terrace Gardens.

BB MEETING

Seen at a recent B'nai Brith Windsor Lodge meeting are (from left) Belle Walman, B'nai Brith board member Nate Cheifetz, Selma Cheifetz, guest speaker Paul Marcus, national director, Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith, and Lodge president Richard Gordner.

LEO BAECK EXECUTIVE

The 1991-92 executive of Leo Baeck Day includes (standing from left) Stephen Morrison, immediate past president; Lenny Fine, Dr. Barry Goldlist, Marlene Myerson, Mark Gossin, Philip Gorden. Seated (from left) Linda Friedman, administrator; Sheila Pitch, vice-president; Hinda Weksberg, president; Rabbi Steven Garten, director. Absent are Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb, Helene Rudolph and Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld.

for seniors

The Association of Jewish Seniors meeting on Thursday, Nov. 28, will include the election of officers plus a special program. The time is 9:30 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. All seniors are welcome. For more information, call **Ronnie Rusk** at 635-2860.

Join the **Good Age Club** at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor), on Thursday, Nov. 21, from 2-4 p.m. for A Bintel Brief. Coffee and bagels will be served. The cost is $1. For more information, call **Luni** at 924-6211...Good Age programs offered in conjunction with the Toronto Board of Education are knitting, bridge, fitness, current events, folkdancing, ceramics. Programs run Monday to Thursday. Contact Luni for a schedule.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. On Nov. 27 there will be a lecture by **Sholi Deichter** on The Madrid Conference: Success or Failure. For information, call **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Shelley Dunkelman** at the Wagman Centre at 789-5131, ext. 2273.

The LZA Seniors Club, one of the most active seniors groups in Toronto, offers an opportunity for seniors of all tastes and ages to participate. All events take place at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The phone number is 633-8579...There are monthly lunch meetings, a weekly Yiddish discussion group which meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon with refreshments served (on Nov. 19 **Moishe Mandleman** will discuss **Chaim Grade**), get togethers every day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for cards, social, checkers, chess and shuffleboard (light refreshments available), shuffleboard every Tuesday from 7 p.m. under the chairmanship of **Abraham Leibowitz**, a dance group under the leadership of **Libby Ravka** every Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. with professional guidance and teaching...The next major event is the Chanukah party on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. with **Phil Gold** and his orchestra, a singer, latkes and all Chanukah refreshments, all for only $6 per person. Tickets are available at the Centre from **Joe Isenman**...There are a few seats available for the trips to Miami for five, seven and nine weeks or three months, offering insurance and efficiency suites. For details, contact **Libby** at 782-2059 or **Belle** at 633-5841.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is Nov. 24 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Paula David** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors Club has arranged a bus run to Aylmer, Ont., for members on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Cost is $15 per person...A Chanukah party with entertainment, latkes, coffee and cake and door prizes is set for Sunday, Dec. 8, from 7-11 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre. The charge is $8 members, $10 non-members...There's a Saturday evening dance on Nov. 23 from 7-10 p.m. in the club house (no charge for members, $1 for non-members) and a dance on Sunday, Nov. 24, with a live band at Earl Bales Community Centre from 7:30-10:30 p.m. ($3 members, $4 non-members)...Courses offered in conjunction with the North York Board of Education include bridge, fitness and wellness, ballroom and line dancing. Also, those interested in playing mah jong or in volunteering to look after the activity are asked to call the club office at 636-7856.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., reports that a Chanukah luncheon will be held on Monday, Dec. 9, at 12:30 p.m. at the synagogue. Singer **Lenka Lichtenberg** will be performing. A medical program with **Bob Pritchard**, co-ordinator of public and professional information for Shoppers Drug Mart, on the co-ordination of foods, drug use and abuse, and vitamins, takes place Monday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m...Ongoing programs offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education are dancersize, Tai Chi, line dancing and Coping with Life with **Harriet Sharkey**. For information on all activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Everyone is welcome to join the new senior citizen club **Hadar** which meets every Monday from noon to 4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, Room 103, 501 Clark Ave., Thornhill. For more information, call **Viola Landman** at 886-2625.

Come with **Young at Heart Seniors** for a

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Florida vacation at the newly renovated Casablanca or Sherry Frontenac Hotels for one, two or three months ($1,799 for four weeks and no extra charge for efficiency). Package includes airport pick-up and return, live entertainment, ocean-front pool, cocktail parties and much more. Also, a special rate at the Lombardy Hotel of only $1,755 with deluxe medical insurance and cancellation included. Jan. 30-March 3...A meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 16, from 1-3:30 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, Tessler Hall, 100 Elder St. For information, call **Helen** at 462-0258 or 635-6343 after 7 p.m. or **Manny** at 633-7463.

Attention seniors interested in an intergenerational program at York Mills Collegiate! Your involvement requires a commitment of just once a month. GIVE (Generation In Various Exchanges) is an opportunity to enhance communication, develop life management skills, and share parenting/grandparenting experiences. Contact the Volunteer Centre-North York at 481-6194 for more information.

At the **Lunch and Learn in Retirement** meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6, **Karen Shopsowitz** presented her MA thesis on Monteith Inn, the film *My Grandparents Had a Hotel*. The group meets on alternate Wednesdays at noon at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Next meeting, on Dec. 4, focuses on Love in Biblical Times — What Your Rabbi Never Told You with **Selma Sage**, well-known lecturer and educator, and teacher of biblical literature at York University. Bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea and cookies are provided. There is no fee.

Current events discussions for seniors with **Douglas Haddow** are presented every Thursday morning by **North York Community House** and North York Board of Education. The time is 10 a.m. to noon at North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St. For information, call 784-0920.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — On Monday, Nov. 25, the Multi Media Crafts program with **Sally Blackman** will focus on creating a Chanukah Banner for your family. The time is 1-2:30 p.m...A social afternoon is planned for Sunday, Nov. 24, from 2:30-3:30 in the common room...The Tuesday evening program on Nov. 26 features pianist **Natalya Tyomkina** from 7:30-8:30 in the assembly room...Every Wednesday morning, current events discussions led by **Doug Haddow** are held in Rooms A and B from 10-11:30. Come and share your views on worldly issues.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) invites you to hear **Isaac Muskat**, vice-president, Royal Bank, responsible for capital market products, who will address the issues of The Canadian and Ontario Economy: Our Currency Here and Abroad on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 1:30 p.m. Muskat, who has worked in the United States and Israel as well, is one of a group which advises Canadian institutions on the most efficient method of managing this one aspect of their portfolios. There is no admission charge for this lecture.

La Briyut Wellness Centre's health lecture on Thursday, Nov. 28, is Hearing for Tomorrow. **Brenda Vernon** of the Canadian Hearing Society will discuss healthy hearing facts and tips for better communication. The time is 1:30-2:30 p.m.

The movie *L.A. Story* will be screened on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2:30 p.m. There is no charge for members, $1 charge for non-members.

The Volunteer Simcha Tea is set for Wednesday, Nov. 27. Admission is by invitation only.

at the JCC

The Sunday, Dec. 8, concert for kids at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) is entitled Stories of Light. This is a celebration of Chanukah using shadow puppets and soft sculpture puppets, storytelling and traditional music. It is a Waterwood Theatre Projects Inc. production presented in co-operation with Downtown Jewish Community School. Showtimes are 10:30 a.m. (sold out) and 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $6. Call 924-6211.

Join the Bloor Y for its Winter Fun Days program for 5 to 10-year-olds on Monday, Dec. 23; Tuesday, Dec. 24; Monday, Dec. 30; Tuesday, Dec. 31; Thursday, Jan. 2, and Friday, Jan. 3. Call **Florence Marantz** at 924-6211.

Join Gymnastics Winter Camp for 8 to 14-year-olds, the fastest growing activity at the Bloor Y branch. This camp features instruction on floor routines, bars, trampoline and vaults. It runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 924-6211 for information.

The Bloor Y Adult Department introduces the Time Out For Me workshops. Join in on Sunday, Dec. 8, for theatre games from 1-4:30 p.m. The cost is $20. Registration must be made by Wednesday, Dec. 4. Call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Find out about the Bloor Y Twentysomething Downtowners Club (24-35 years). Programs are held monthly. For more information and/or to be added to the mailing list, contact Luni at above number.

The JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., offers birthday parties for 3 to 12-year-olds. The party package includes invitations and mailing, loot bags, kosher meal and birthday cake, and supervised activities. For more information, call **Bibi Golberg** at 636-1880, ext. 250.

There is limited space in the current Tuesday/Thursday Tic Tac Twos program for 2-year-olds at the JCC North Y. Program consists of arts and crafts, music, gym, storytime, playtime and Shabbat celebration. Call **Bibi Golberg** at 636-1880, ext. 250, for more information.

The JCC North/East Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge for members on Monday evenings from 7:30-11. Cost is $3 per session. For more information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

About People

YESHIVA U STUDENT

Winnipeg resident **Adam Anhang** was one of hundreds of students who arrived this month in New York City during Yeshiva University's new student orientation week.

Adam Anhang

Adam, the 18-year-old son of **Abe** and **Barbara Anhang**, is a freshman majoring in finance at the Sy Syms School of Business. He is a graduate of the Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate Academy in Winnipeg.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Toronto's Orthodox Singles Inc. presents Two Winter Getaways. American Thanksgiving, November 28-December 1, or November 29-December 1 in **Vermont** and December 22-January 1, **Miami Beach**. For more information call Sharon Ganz 785-0761, Ruth Balofsky 764-5833. 7613

Please join **Adath Israel Singles (Ages 30-50)** for its next session of its **Ongoing Torah Study Class** on **Tuesday, November 26, 1991** at 8:00pm at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Avenue, Downsview. Question the purpose of life. Learn about the past so we can live in the present. For further information, contact Rabbi Sheldon Korn at 635-5340. 7655

A Touch of Class presents a **House Dinner Party**. (Prime Rib) Saturday November 23. 8:30pm. $15.00. To reserve call Sonia 771-8448. 7615

Jewish Singles Fall Dance (20's and 30's). Don't miss this exciting party. Great music by a D.J. Free munchies and prizes. Cash bar. November 23rd. 8:00pm. 15 Hove Street (Bathurst & Sheppard). $8.00. Call Shari, 222-0272. 7296

Unbelievable Party!!!!! Wiseblatt, Goldstein, Cohen and Rubenstein present Mega Gala Ladies Night at Zack's Emporium and Eatery, 1111 Finch Avenue West, North York, just 2 blocks west of Dufferin. Sunday, November 24th. Doors open 7:30pm. Cover $10.00, but ladies $5.00 all night long! Attention all Montrealers, Torontonians and anyone else between 25-40 who want to party all night long. 7534

Singles Rendezvous (35-55). Bowling at York Bowl (Wilson/Wilson Heights). $7.00. November 24th. 4:00pm sharp. Come out to bowl or just to cheer. 781-9917. 7670

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Na'amat gives holiday gifts to children

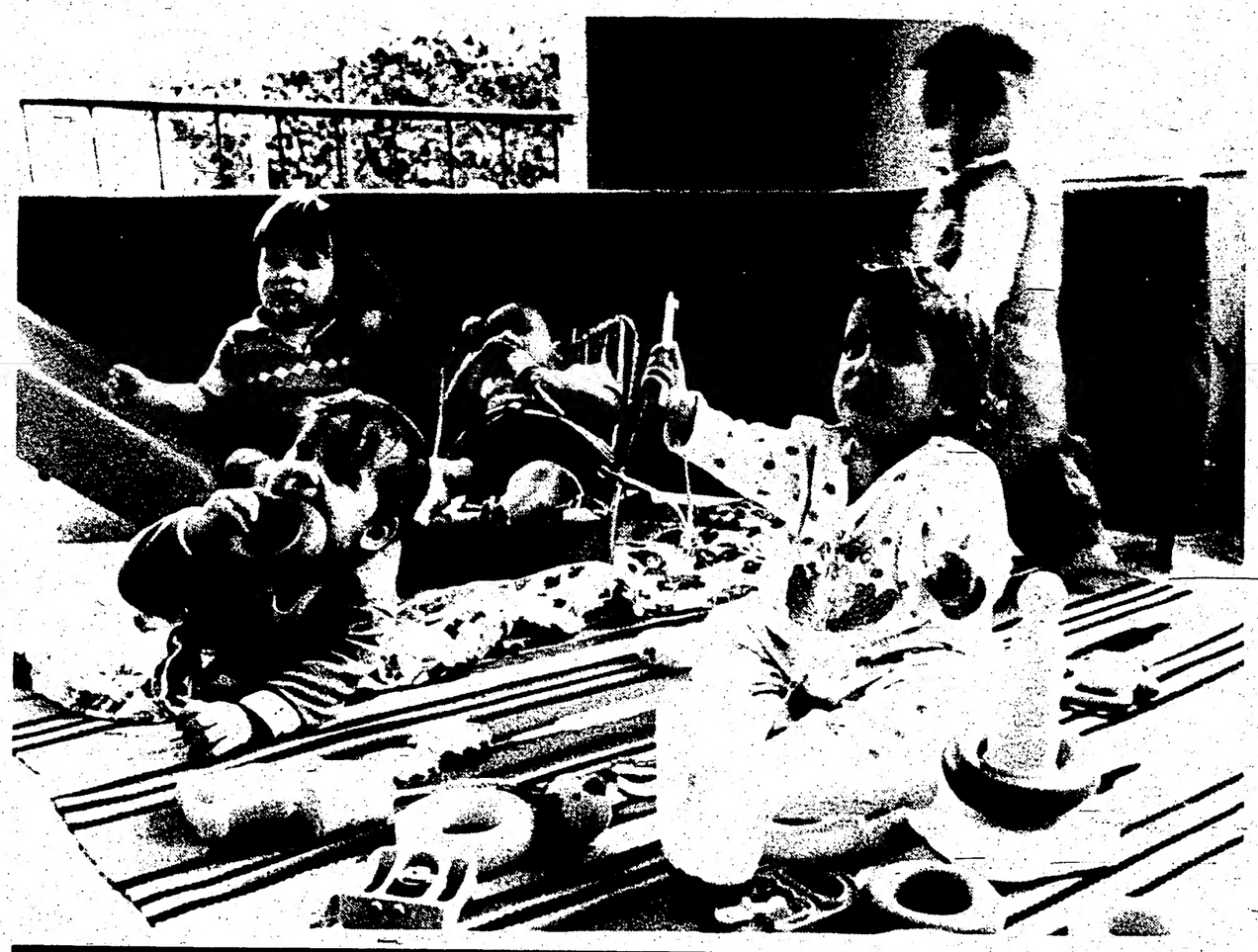
On the first day of Chanukah, the Jewish children of Canada will be honored by Na'amat Israel.

On that day, Na'amat volunteers will present to every Russian immigrant child in every planeload that arrives at Lod Airport a Chanukah gift purchased by Canadian "Dollars for David" funds.

This special effort is being made as a tribute to Na'amat Canada's child donors in this "Chai" (18) year of the "Dollars for David" Campaign. It has been estimated that since its inception in 1973, Canadians have made it possible for Na'amat to purchase approximately 350,000 toys for the children in their care, and Na'amat Israel has chosen this dramatic means of expressing gratitude.

"We're so excited about this tribute," Goldie Burstein, the campaign's founder, told The CJN. "The annual Chanukah gifts have become such a significant part of Chanukah to the 30,000 children in Na'amat's care that we can almost feel the waves of gratitude each year.

"And I know that Canadian children, too, benefit from the campaign. Direct child-to-child giving is the heart of 'Dollars for David.' It's true that the large number of gifts that must be purchased makes it necessary for us to depend on donations from Na'amat members and their friends. And we rely heavily on the support of CJN readers. But the significance of having Canadian children send their Chanukah gelt as a gift of love to Israeli children can't be measured."



Children in one of Na'amat's more than 900 day care centres in Israel enjoy Chanukah gifts purchased with Canadian Dollars for David Campaign funds.

"Dollars for David"

This year, Na'amat has enrolled many new immigrant children in their day care centres. Operation Solomon alone brought 1,219 pre-schoolers into Na'amat care. The numbers of Russian children run much higher and increase daily.

For many of these children, the most significant gift of their first Chanukah in Israel will be provided by "Dollars for David." New olim have few resources to spare for gifts and they appreciate the small toys — dolls, trucks, books or stuffed animals — which their children bring home.

For most children, that will be enough to keep them from feeling left out when all of Israel celebrates by gift-giving.

The "Chai" Campaign of "Dollars for David" opens today. The familiar orange envelope is enclosed in this issue of *The CJN*. Campaign target is $95,000, the minimum amount required to buy a small gift for each of the more than 30,000 children in Na'amat's more than 900 day care centres.

For further information: Montreal, Ora Stolovitz (514) 484-0252; Ottawa, Lillian Laks (613) 820-8373; Toronto, Emily Brown (416) 636-5425; Hamilton, Sharon Hart (416) 648-8998; Windsor, Ruth Booth (519) 966-2547; Winnipeg, Sharon Bronstone (204) 334-3637; Calgary, Nadine Waldman (403) 281-3982; Edmonton, Carol Zuckerman (403) 487-7191; Vancouver, Esther Calder (604) 263-1012.

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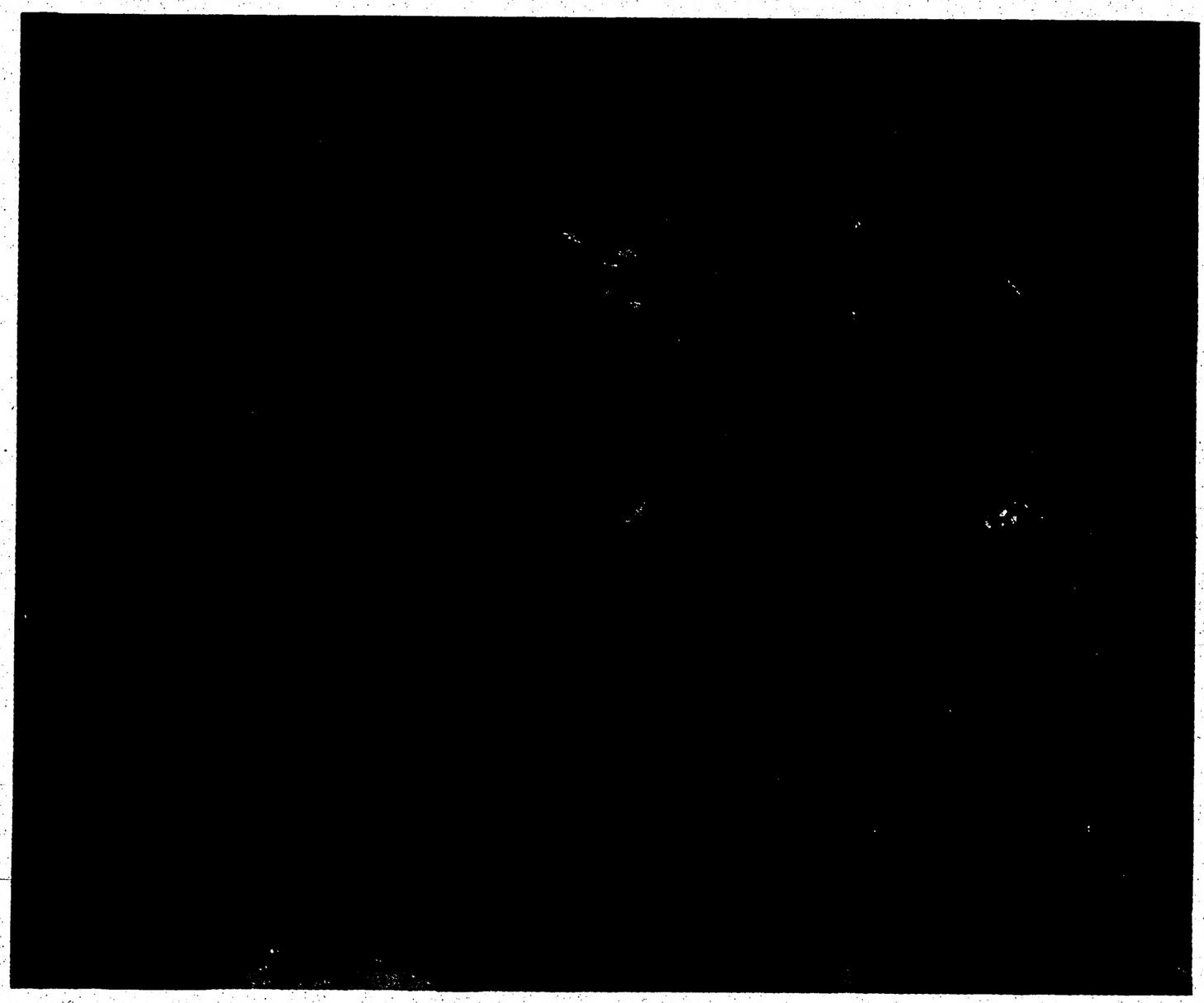

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Frankenburg elected to B.C. Jewish school

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —
Naomi Frankenburg, the immediate past national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, has been elected president of the Maimonides Jewish High School here, succeeding Abe Sacks. Samuel Belzberg continues as chairman of the board of governors.

Opened in 1986 with 10 students, Maimonides Secondary, as it is known, now has 41 students and is operating in a new building, erected for about $500,000.

The building has been constructed so that it can be easily added to and Frankenburg expects "greater growth" in the future for this institution "which is the only Jewish school west of the Rockies."

Frankenburg said its high standards in both secular and Judiac teaching have won the admiration of the British Columbia Ministry of Education. She points out that students have won a record number of awards, including gold medals in the sciences on a Canada-wide level, a national Bible contest and gold medals in provincial competitions. The school has seven secular and four Judaic teachers.

Rabbi Mordecai Feuerstein, one of the founders of the school who serves as chairman of its board of education, says a Jewish high school is crucial for Jewish survival. He said at the opening of the new building that elementary education is not enough any more. "People who never go to high school are considrably handicapped in our society. People who have only an elementary Jewish education have missed a wonderful opportunity."

Rabbi Feuerstein said "simply to be a Jew out of nostalgia for what was good when you were in elementary school, or what one saw in the home is not enough in the years to come."

Maimonides accommodates students from grades 8 to 12 and Frankenburg points out that the Judaic classes have been granted "locally developed" status by the education ministry. This means that they are recognized for credit toward graduation. In addition, said Frankenburg, through the efforts of the principal, Margaret McDonough, the universities of British Columbia recognize Hebrew ll as fulfilling the second language requirement for university entrance.

Maimonides Secondary was first housed in Beth Israel synagogue, then moved to the Talmud Torah. Because more space was needed, a move was made to Schara Tzedeck Orthodox Synagogue classroom and this was home for 3½ years. As space requirements continued to grow, it was decided to build and land was leased from the Vancouver School Board at 5465 Baillie St. The new, modular, factory-built school was opened officially in April of this year.

The campus has a full-size field for games and recreation and the building has modern classrooms which include a science laboratory, computer room and space for a library.

According to the school's catalogue, Maimonides general studies curriculum includes 82 ministry courses, of which 42 are offered at the grades 11 and 12 level. In Judaic studies there are 26 courses.

There are clubs and extracurricular activities available to students, giving them the opportunity of taking electives such as music, drama, photography and art.

In his brief history of the school in the Maimonides year book, Rabbi Feuerstein gives credit to Sam Belzberg, Jack Diamond, Morris Wosk, Leon Kahn, Abe Sacks, Dave Shafran and Sam Huberman for leading the campaign which raised the start-up funds.

Frankenburg says funding for the operation of the school "is well in hand," from private benefactors and through grants from the provincial government and the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver. The province pays $1,920 per pupil, which is 35 percent of the cost of maintaining a pupil in a public school. This funding is made through the Federation of Independent Schools.

A current fundraiser is a draw for a new Lexus luxury car, at $200 per ticket.

Frankenburg told *The CJN* that author and broadcaster Dennis Prager is coming to Vancouver on Dec. 11, 12 under auspices of the school. He will speak at a community meeting at Beth Israel Synagogue on Dec. 11.

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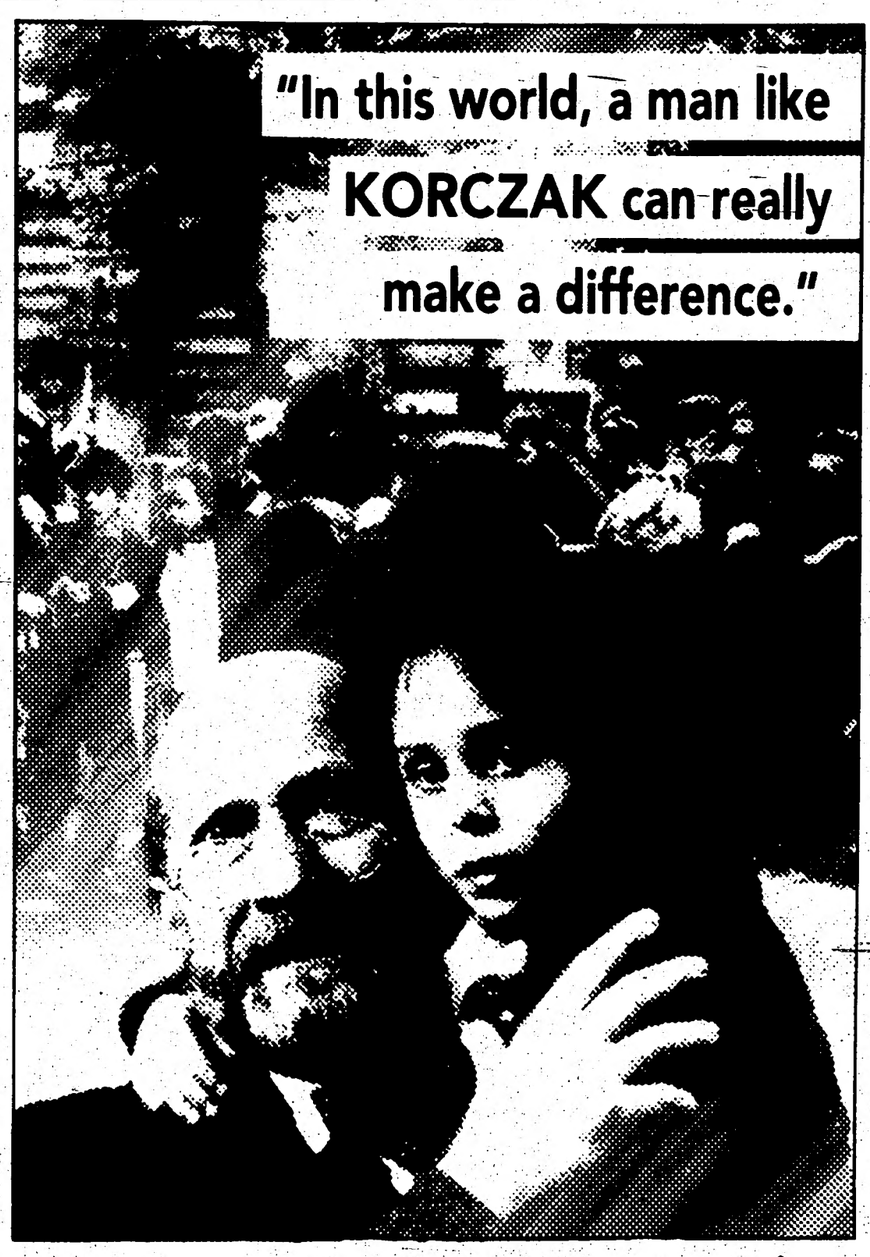

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ALLIANCE

Jewish Students' Network planning convention

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —
The Jewish Students' Network-Canada will be holding its national convention at the Park Plaza Hotel from Dec. 25 to 29.

The convention, entitled Meet the Challenge, will bring together students from across the country for a busy program including seminars, discussions, workshops and task forces. Scheduled speakers include political analyst and Mideast expert John Rothman, Dr. Leon Bass on racism and the Holocaust, and Simcha Jacobovici, founder of Network, whose most recent film, *Deadly Currents* will be screened.

One of the strongest points of this type of convention is that it brings students together from coast to coast, says Tannis Weinstein, national director of Network. It's an opportunity for students from smaller centres, such as Saskatoon, to find out what it's like in larger centres, and vice versa, to make friends and discover resources.

The biggest challenge facing Network, aside from increasing assimilation, is that many Jewish students don't know how to deal with intellectual-type anti-Israel attacks, according to Weinstein, who calls these attacks "a new kind of anti-Semitism." Students who haven't been to Israel or who aren't very well-versed in the history of Israel "are not as proud any more," says Weinstein. This is a problem that will be tackled at the convention.

"Our aim is to try and bring a positive image of Israel to campus and to encourage students to go to Israel, whether for a summer, for a year, or for a visit, Weinstein told *The CJN*.

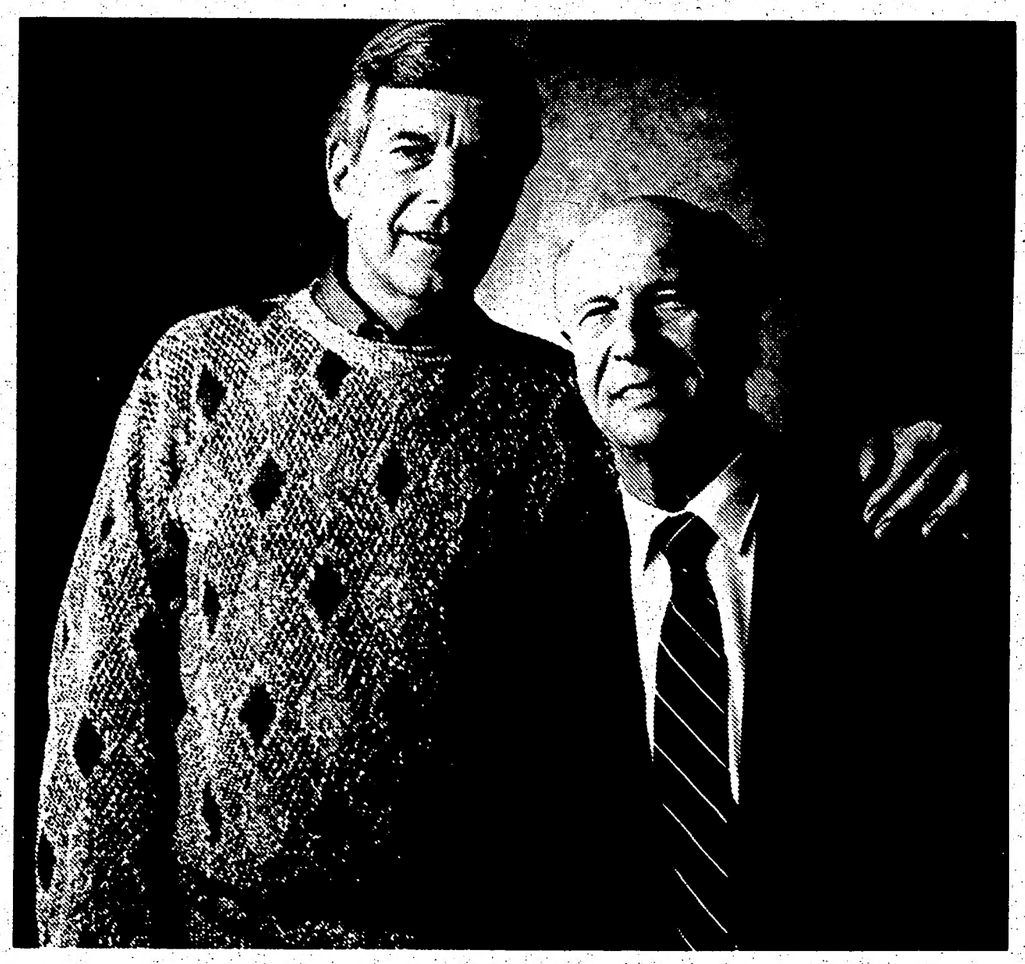
Elections will be held for Network's national executive, and policies will be set for next year.

The convention, which has run almost every year since Network's inception in 1977, is "usually very exciting," says Weinstein. "It's all student run, and it inspires [participants] to go on and do things [on their own campuses].

Registration is $249 including food, accommodation and programs for the five days. Subsidies are available.

The convention is dedicated to the memory of Walter Hess, who prior to his recent death was executive vice-president, United Israel Appeal of Canada.

For further information, contact Network's national office, 3535 Bathurst St., Ste. 201, Toronto, Ontario M6A 2C7 (telephone 416-783-1165).



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Organizations and People

JCC members seek greater voice on board

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
For the first time in recent history, members of the Jewish Community Centre will have a choice of candidates when voting for 12 vacancies on the centre's board of directors.

Spurred by discontent over a recent board decision to scrap the existing outdoor tennis courts at the North Y branch in favor of a privately-run tennis bubble as well as what some consider secretive decision-making, 10 JCC members are contesting the election against a slate of 12 candidates proposed by the JCC's nominating committee.

The election will take place at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., on Nov. 27 between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. All JCC members over the age of 18 are entitled to vote.

David Bierstone, Joseph Black, Mike Fuchs, Percy Goodman, Linda Hershoran, Manfred Kapp, Tibor Martinek, Simon Medina, Harriet Reisler and Ben Rose are seeking election on a platform calling for a greater voice on the board of directors for the average member.

Members of the slate proposed by the JCC nominating committee are Natan Aronshtam, Leonard Bernstein, Linda Book, Ken Borden, Harvey Brooker, Sheldon Friedland, Sandra Greenbaum, Michael Hart, Milton Lecker, Annette Rapoport, Lillian Rose and H. Wayne Tanenbaum.

Concern over the centre's decision-making process prompted him to run, said Martinek, an unsuccessful candidate for Metro councillor in the recent municipal election.

"I don't think the JCC is very open to its members," he said.

"It's becoming a cliquish organization. Members are being informed of certain changes as a fait accompli and members who appear [to oppose the measures] are allowed to talk, but no-one listens to us. I feel the leadership has become elitist."

Martinek, a JCC member for 11 years, said the decision to put in a tennis bubble was "the straw that broke the camel's back" and prompted disgruntled members to vy for board positions.

'It seems like a secret society'

Despite the fact that the vast majority of the members of the tennis club petitioned against the move, their views were rejected "as if they didn't exist."

Percy Goodman, a JCC member for over 25 years, said the JCC appears to make its decisions in private. "It seems like a secret society," he said, adding that if elected, "at least we'd be entitled to monitor all the decisions that are made."

Hershoran, a chartered accountant who attends the Bloor branch, said she believed the alternate slate would provide fiscal responsibility to the board.

Photographer Joseph Black, a member for about 25 years who occasionally used the courts, said tennis players feel their views were ignored. If that's what happens with tennis, "what about other things?" he said.

Black said members should have more say in decision-making, since they ultimately "will pay the shot." He suggested that membership could be canvassed through questionnaires to solicit their views about major projects.

Harriet Reisler, a nine-year member of the JCC, said her interest in running for the board was sparked by the fracas about the tennis courts. "When I delved into it, I found other discontents at the JCC."

Reisler, 81, said seniors at the centre feel they are being singled out by not being permitted to enter the locker rooms before 10.30 a.m. They also feel their clubroom isn't properly equipped with a hot plate or a microwave so they could have their lunches at the centre. She said the seniors have been promised improved facilities, but nothing has been done.

Seniors "get a raw deal," she said. "Nobody cares about them here."

JCC executive director Paul Brownstein took issue with criticisms of the JCC. The nominating committee chose a slate of candidates after going through a lengthy process of finding a dozen active and committed members who would be good additions to the board, he said.

All have experience in a variety of JCC committees and "a track record of involvement in the JCC ," he said.

He denied suggestions that the decision on the tennis bubble was reached in secret, saying "I don't know that an issue at the JCC has been discussed as much as the tennis court issue."

Members opposed to the bubble were heard, he said, but in the end the decision was made against them. The move to privatize the tennis facility and to contract out other amenities is part of a trend that a variety of community agencies are following because of the shortage of cash, he said.

'Best deal in city'

He said seniors at the JCC "get the best deal in the city of Toronto." For an $85 annual fee (a general membership costs $400) seniors over 60 can use all the JCC facilities, take advantage of fitness programs, social activities and cultural programs.

They are restricted from use of the locker room facilities before 10:30 a.m. because of a concern that the JCC would lose members over 60 who pay regular membership fees and who use the facilities in the morning before going to work, he said.

Leonard Bernstein, a board member for the past five years and chairman of the chapel committee at the Bloor Street branch, said he views the alternate slate as one-issue candidates who are upset with the loss of cheap tennis.

Bernstein said he was concerned that "the outpost at Bloor" would lose representation if the alternate slate was elected. He said the influx of young families to the downtown area has created new demands on the centre and it was necessary to maintain the facility despite suggestions it should be sold to alleviate the JCC's approximately $6 million debt.

Rapoport, a board member who is seeking re-election, disagreed with contentions that the board is not sensitive to members' needs. The centre's administration is always open to listen to the concerns of members, she said.

Hart, a member of the board for one year, said he agreed with the move to privatize the tennis program. He said the decision to do so was a democratic one and he said his experience is that JCC administrators are available to listen to the concerns of members.

Aronshtam, a board member for one year, said that as a Russian immigrant, his goal on the board was to continue working within the JCC on programs designed to integrate recent arrivals into the Jewish community.

Hidden children share Holocaust experiences

By
RANDI DRUZIN

TORONTO —
Two Holocaust survivors moved an audience to tears when they shared their experiences as hidden children in Eastern Europe during World War II.

Anita Ekstein and Elly Gotz spoke to 200 people at Pride of Israel Synagogue as part of Holocaust Education Week.

Ekstein, who was 8-years-old when the Nazis seized Poland, recalled how her father had sneaked her out of the ghetto in a potato sack, and entrusted her to the care of a Catholic family. "I spent six weeks in a cupboard," she told a horrified audience. "I was completely alone, and I couldn't cry."

Gotz recalled how, as a young teenager, he and his family hid from the Nazis in a cupboard in the basement of their Lithuanian home. "When the Nazis broke into our house they searched for us in the basement," he said. "At one point, they were only a yard away from me. I silenced my breathing. I pretended not to exist.

I still remember that incredible feeling of fear," he added.

Both Ekstein and Gotz said they have found solace in associating with other men and women who were hidden children. Along with guest speaker Dr. Eva Fogelman of the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers, they encouraged audience members with similar experiences to join a support group established for hidden children by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Their suggestion evoked an emotional response from some of the audience members who had also survived the war as hidden children.

A middle-aged woman seated at the back of the auditorium stood up and announced that she, too, had survived the war as a hidden child, but, she said, she would not register as such with any group or agency.

"I was a little girl living in Holland when the Nazis took over," she recounted. "Only four of the 11 children in our family survived. And we survived because we didn't register as Jews. If we had, all of us would be dead," she said.

"I don't want to record my experience as a hidden child. Who will protect my children if [the Holocaust] happens again?"

"This fear is not unusual," Fogelman told the audience members, many of whom were teary-eyed. "Many of those who were hidden children retain their coping mechanisms into adulthood. They cope by not coping," she said. "They don't talk about their experiences. They don't cry. And they feel as vulnerable today as they did then."

Fogelman said that it's important for these survivors to come forward and share their stories with friends, family and, most importantly, with each other.

"Those who survived as hidden children have to deal with guilt, shame and, in many cases, a sense of abandonment," she said. "By sharing their stories, they validate their experiences. It normalizes the world for them. Their feelings aren't as paralyzing when they are shared with each other."

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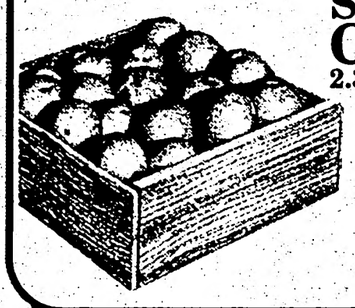

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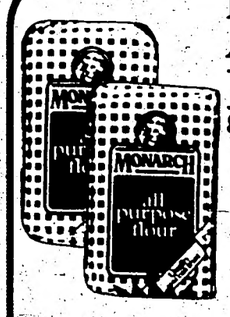

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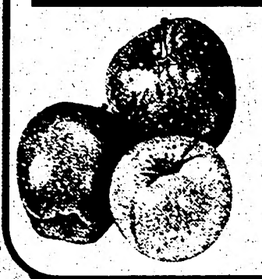

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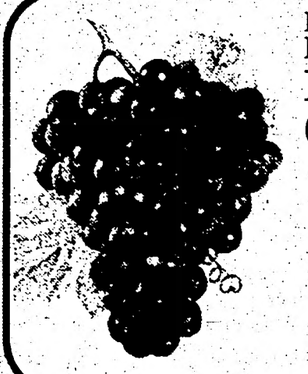

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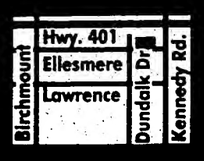

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Organizations and People

Mount Sinai honors Isenbaum for 20 years of service

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

For his two decades of service to the Mount Sinai Hospital, more than 250 colleagues, friends and members of Hy Isenbaum's family attended a dinner at the Park Plaza Hotel to pay tribute to the recently appointed chairman emeritus of the hospital, who recently completed five years of service as chairman of the board.

Gerald Turner, president and chief executive officer, chaired the evening's proceedings and welcomed the guests. He conveyed his thanks to those who organized the tribute dinner for "providing us the means to convey our respect, admiration for our friend and colleague."

Valerie Fine, a member of the executive committee of the hospital, was the tribute dinner chairman. The committee includes Lloyd Fogler, the newly-elected chairman of the board, Fran Binder, Bonnie Gottlieb, Queenie Nayman and Tennys Reid Hanson.

Isenbaum is a founding member and senior partner in the firm of Soberman, Isenbaum and Colomby, Chartered Accountants. He was elected to the board of the New Mount Sinai Hospital 20 years ago and from the beginning he devoted much of his time and talents to working on various committees. He held the positions of treasurer and vice-chairman of the board before being elected chairman of the board in 1986.

Describing Isenbaum's service to the hospital as "exemplary," Turner expressed his gratitude for "permitting me the opportunity to really know and appreciate this man we are here to honor tonight." He described the honoree as a "respected member of the hospital team. He was informed, available and — probably what was most important, and abundantly obviously to us — he cared."

Reviewing the milestones in Isenbaum's term of office, Turner noted that despite skyrocketing costs which led to dramatic economic constraints, Isenbaum "persevered" to succeed in "identifying community needs and applying our resources and our efforts accordingly."

Research institute

Among the hospital's accomplishments during Isenbaum's term in office, Turner spoke of the development of the research institute established six years ago which "has quickly gravitated to the international research stage," associations and collaborations with the Ontario Cancer Institute, the opening of Canada's only multidisciplinary Sarcoma Unit and the founding of a comprehensive centre for the treatment of digestive and inflammatory bowel disorders.

Lloyd Fogler, speaking of Isenbaum's many accomplishments, emphasized his efforts in the initiation and execution of the "Friends for Life" fundraising campaign, "the most ambitious hospital fundraising campaign this country has ever witnessed. Hy was, and continues to be, a driving force in this initiative."

Posing with a commissioned portrait which will hang in the lobby of Mount Sinai Hospital are (from left) Gerald P. Turner, president and CEO; Myrna Isenbaum; Lloyd S.D. Fogler, chairman of the board; and Hy Isenbaum.

On behalf of the board of the hospital, in recognition of Isenbaum's "dedication, leadership and friendship," Fogler announced the establishment of the Hy Isenbaum Fellowship in Oncology which "will assist the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute to pursue its leading edge research activities in the quest to understand the cause of cancer."

In a historical perspective of the development of the hospital founded in 1923, Isenbaum recalled discussions about the hospital in 1945 with Ben Sadowski, a pioneer in the development of the hospital. Isenbaum articled with David Vise & Co., and he was assigned to Sadowski's company, National Motors.

In a review of the healthcare system and the mechanisms required to ensure effectiveness and quality of care, Isenbaum commended the staff, hospital auxiliary, volunteers, members of the board and senior management. He also praised his wife Myrna for her patience, advice and interest in the affairs of the hospital "by singlehandedly going out and raising enough funds and then furnishing the now famous ICU waiting room and nine nurses' lounges."

On behalf of the senior management team of the hospital, Fine presented Isenbaum with a portrait which will hang in the lobby of the hospital "in appreciation for your vision, your leadership and your friendship."

Also participating in the evening's program were Abe Posluns, who made the invocation and blessing, Dr. Louis Siminovitch, director of the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute at the hospital, and Myrna Isenbaum, who made a moving tribute to her husband in verse.

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Jewish MLA appointed to B.C.'s new cabinet

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

Dr. Tom Perry, whose mother is Jewish, was named to the new NDP cabinet of British Columbia as minister of advanced education, training and technology.

Premier Mike Harcourt announced his cabinet on Nov. 5, after winning a sweeping majority in the provincial election of Oct. 17.

Bernie Simpson, who was also elected as an NDP member of the legislature, didn't make it into the cabinet, as had been predicted. There had been specualtion he might become attorney general or solicitor general, as he is a lawyer, or minister of social services, as he was also once a social worker. But Harcourt cut down the size of the cabinet by combining a number of ministries.

Perry, a medical doctor, was first elected an MLA in a 1989 by election in the Vancouver-Point Grey riding. His re-election came in the new riding of Vancouver-Little Mountain.

Prior to his 1991 election, Perry served as opposition spokesman for health, and was a member of the legislature's standing committee on

Dr. Tom Perry

health, education, social services, housing and women's issues.

Perry, 39, was educated in Vancouver and obtained degrees at the University of British Columbia and McGill University.

He is nationally recognized for his work in Canadian wilderness conservation, and his other involvements include the B.C. chapter of Canadian Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and Physicians for Social Responsibility. He has served as a physician in the Department of Medicine at Vancouver's University Hospital and also as a lecturer and researcher at UBC.

Prior to his appointment, Perry was in the news because it was reported he administered a dose of morphine to his dying father last summer. However, the B.C. College of Physicians and Surgeons said he acted properly and added that good palliative care requires administration of sufficient medication for adequate relief of pain and suffering. Such treatment, said the college, "may coincidentally hasten death but is neither illegal nor unethical."

In his biography, Perry described how his Jewish mother escaped persecution in the Ukraine and immgrated to New York. His father, he states, was a U.S. Army captain involved in liberating Buchenwald.

Also elected was David Mitchell, the Liberal party candidate in West Vancouver-Garibaldi, whose father was Jewish. Mitchell is a historian, author and official of a logging company. He is best known as the author of a biography of W.A.C. Bennett, B.C.'s first Social Credit premier.

Rabbi Plaut recalls horrors of visiting Nazi camps in '45

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

It fell to Rabbi Gunther Plaut, then a chaplain in the U.S. Army, to escort American gen. Dwight Eisenhower through the horrific nightmare landscape of corpses and emaciated survivors at the first Nazi concentration camp liberated by Allied forces in 1945.

Senior scholar at Holy Blossom Temple, Rabbi Plaut recounted this experience recently to an audience that included many educators who had participated in B'nai Brith's Holocaust and Hope study tour last summer of sites relevant to both the life and death of Jewish communities in West Germany, Poland and Israel.

"He [Eisenhower] could not believe what he saw . . . and it was nothing compared to the grim reality of what I saw. And yet I know that that was nothing compared to what those who lived there and died there and suffered there had experienced."

Speaking on the 53rd anniversary of Kristallnacht, Rabbi Plaut recalled that it was on that very evening — Nov. 9, 1938 — that he was married in Cincinnati, little knowing at the time what was happening in his native Germany or that his father had gone into hiding.

He recalled, too, that shortly after his graduation from law school in Berlin in 1933, the Nazis acceded to power — "and with one fell swoop, with the stroke of a pen by Adolf Hitler, my life, the life of my family, and the lives of 600,000 Jews then living in Germany, were radically altered."

Delivering the first Michael Kleinberg Memorial Lecture, Rabbi Plaut compared the Nazi's destruction of the Six Million with an event far removed in both time and scope from that horrific blot in the pages of history: the tragic murder of Toronto jeweller Michael Kleinberg during a robbery last summer.

While in both cases the perpetrators were criminals, he noted, Kleinberg's killing was evidently motivated by greed whereas the Nazis were propelled by an ideology that blamed the Jews for all humiliations or setbacks suffered by the German nation.

"The salvation of first Germany and then the world was dependent on the removal and later on the destruction of every last Jew," according to the evil Nazi ideology, he said. "There's no question that if the Nazis had won the war, there would probably be very few Jews left in the world. We would have joined the forgotten nations that once existed."

The act of remembrance is the basis of human ethics, he observed, and a duty for the living to obey. He observed, too, that the Hebrew deity is described in the Torah as a God that remembers His children who were slaves in Egypt and likewise does not forget promises that were made to them generations before.

"Often, I'm asked on television or in a class of students whether it's not really time to forgive and forget. After all, it's almost 50 years ago that the major atrocities happened.

"I would not put the Kleinberg family to the task of answering whether they can forgive. Ask Michael Kleinberg — he is perhaps the only one who really could forgive. And in the same sense, ask the Six Million whether they can forgive. I can't take their place; I can't put myself into their lives and say it's all right. And they are silent. Forgiveness is theirs, not ours.

"But remembering — that is a task with which we have to deal. And we must not forget. Because once we cut off the line to our yesterdays, the ground on which we stand is shaking with uncertainty and we have no compass for our lives."

Rabbi Plaut's lecture marked the start of a three-day Holocaust and Hope national educators' symposium sponsored by B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights.

According to Dr. Karen Mock, national director of the League for Human Rights, "This program is of particular importance because it comes on the heels of the Malcolm Ross decision in New Brunswick, the recent tour by British Holocaust denier David Irving, and one month before the Supreme Court trial of convicted Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel."

Correction

TORONTO —

In the article English BA program launched (CJN, Nov. 14), the wrong phone number was inadvertently given for the Toronto office of Canadian Friends of Haifa University. The correct number is 665-4462.

New magazine launched

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

For the first time in Canada, a national magazine for Jewish creative writing will be available throughout the country.

Through the volunteer efforts of some of Canada's literary scholars and writers, *Parchment*, a handsomely-bound journal of contemporary Jewish writing, will be available next year. The first issue will be launched in Jewish book month 1992.

At the recent inaugural meeting of *Parchment*, held at the home of Michael Greenstein, a professor of English at the University of Toronto and author of the award-winning book, *Third Solitudes — Tradition and Discontinuity in Jewish-Canadian Literature*, members of the newly-formed editorial board met to discuss the content, editorial policies and distribution of the new literary journal.

Members of the editorial board include Greenstein; Miriam Waddington, one of Canada's most acclaimed poets whose works have been translated into several languages; critic, broadcaster, lecturer and author of 16 books, Allan Gould; and Kenneth Sherman, reviewer, critic, editor, poet and the winner of this year's prize in poetry at the Toronto Jewish Book Awards for *Jackson's Point*.

Other board members include Zailig Pollock, chairman of the Department of English at Trent University and the national A.M. Klein research committee and Adele Wiseman, a former Governor General's Award winner for fiction.

Also on the editorial board are the two founders of *Parchment*, Seymour Mayne, professor of English at the University of Ottawa and a well-known Yiddish and Hebrew translator who has published 13 volumes of poetry and Dr. Shel Krakofsky, a London, Ont. physician and award-winning poet and fiction writer whose works have been anthologized in Canada and the United States.

Krakofsky, who will serve as the first editor of *Parchment*, has a collection of Jewish poetry titled *The Reversible Coat*, which will be published in December by Moonstone Press.

Mayne told *The CJN* that as the poetry editor of *Viewpoints*, he recognized that there were many talented poets and writers in Canada who submitted material to *Viewpoints* which could not be published because of a lack of sufficient space.

"Just over a year ago," says Mayne, "I asked Shel Krakofsky, who is a contributing editor of *Viewpoints*, if he would be willing to organize a literary journal." Although reluctant at first, Krakofsky set to work. He organized the board and assumed responsibility for many other tasks in the development of the pioneering literary project.

The editorial board agreed that neither the board members nor the contributors will be paid.

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Organizations and People

Fielding shares unique humor

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

With the caveat that "all you're getting is my opinion and I am very opinionated," popular book author Joy Fielding began an entertaining talk on Women's Identity: Lost and Found to an almost full house at Leah Posluns Theatre during the recent 15th annual Jewish Book Fair.

Fielding gave the audience a taste of her own personal identity as she told of her background as a writer, starting with her first story submission at age 8. A go-for-it mentality and confident attitude (at one point she wanted to be "not only an actress but a star") have characterized her endeavors, and her unique brand of humor is part of the reason for her books' successes.

To hearty laughter, Fielding read an excerpt from her book *The Other Woman*, a chain letter urging the heroine to send her husband to the name at the top of the list and add her name to the bottom and "within six months you will receive 40,000 husbands," warning of dire and absurd consequences if she didn't comply.

Weighty issues

Despite Fielding's lighthearted touch, the issues she has dealt with in her fiction have been anything but light: infidelity and wife abuse in *The Other Woman*, the rape and murder of a 6-year-old child in *Life Penalty*, and serial killers in *The Deep End*. Her most recent novel, *See Jane Run*, begins as the heroine, suffering from amnesia, finds that her clothes are soaked in blood and she has $10,000 in her pockets.

"If your identity is being defined by your role as a mother, what happens if that role disappears?" asked Fielding about her heroine in *Life Penalty*, the mother coping with her child's murder.

In *The Deep End*, the heroine's grandfather is in a nursing home, her husband has walked out on her, and she is receiving disturbing phone calls from a serial killer. In Fielding's words, "all the familiar signposts of her life are disappearing," a familiar theme to Fielding's readers.

What happens to a woman's identity as she copes with such changes is at the heart of much of her fiction.

After her first few novels, Fielding decided to "stop writing what I think other people want to read, and concentrate on what I want to write.

"My thoughts probably are not that different than other people's," Fielding reasoned. She imagines how she would react in her heroines' situations, she told *The CJN* after her lecture, when asked how she makes her characters so believable.

"I am a feminist," said Fielding, "but I never had that in mind when I wrote the books. I wrote them as entertainment. Hopefully the message will creep up on you.

"Women have always been allowed to advance only so far as has benefited men," said Fielding. "A lot of hard-fought rights will be eroded if we are not careful."

She urged women to start writing letters when they see sexist commercials, affirming that "one voice can make a difference." She also expressed the desire to see "women in positions of real power."

Recalling the cigaret advertising slogan, You've Come A Long Way, Baby, Fielding said that women haven't come far enough, "and don't call me baby."

Fielding's talk was sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section.

Correction

In the picture accompanying the article Emunah Shopping Spree Planned (CJN, Nov. 7), the name of the Emunah Women Toronto Council co-president was incorrect.

Hannah Schusheim is co-president, along with Dorothy Zeifman.

Neve Michael, the special project of Toronto Emunah, is a residential home for more than 250 children from 5 to 18 years of age, many of whom are Russian and Ethiopian immigrants.

ALLAN SILBER

In the Nov. 14 issue Negev Dinner chairman Allan C. Silber was identified as honoree Harry Gorman in the photograph. Silber, chairman, president and CEO of Counsel Corporation, has organized a team of 200 whose goal is to ensure a successful financial campaign to aid the work of the JNF.

Winnipeg BBYO joins with YMHA

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) in Winnipeg has joined the Y.

Effective immediately, all BBYO members will become YMHA Jewish Community Centre members as well, with access to all facilities.

Under the new arrangements, BBYO regional director Chaia Berkowitz becomes a Y Centre staff member. She will report to Les Marks, the Y's executive director. Marks will continue to be responsible to the Y's board of directors. He will also report to the BBYO Adult Advisory Board. A representative of the BBYO board will sit on the Y board and a representative of the Y board will join the BBYO board.

Marks reports that discussions began last spring after B'nai Brith Canada, the BBYO's principal sponsor, ran into financial difficulties and was forced to cut the BBYO from its budget. B'nai Brith is continuing to provide some funding for at least another year. Most of the rest of the operating cost has been picked up by the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council through increased funding to the Y.

"We were able to come to an understanding," says Marks of the amalgamation. "The BBYO philosophy fits in well with that of the Y programs."

Marks says he and the BBYO will continue to work closely with a national BBYO staff person based in the Chicago office. Projections are that 275-300 teens will participate in BBYO activities this year. The Y Centre will continue operating its own Junior Leader Program for 14 year olds and a program where older teens lead Y Centre clubs for younger children.

The amalgamation agreement is set for at least a year to see how it works out.

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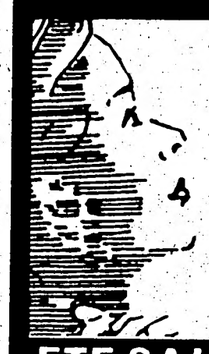

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Bobov yeshiva finds new home

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
After four years of negotiations with the North York Board of Education, Yeshiva Bnei Zion of Bobov has acquired a home in the Champlaine Public School in the Bathurst-Wilson area.

In just over a decade, the Bobover community in Toronto has grown rapidly into a vibrant fortress of Torah. The Bobov Cheder was founded in Toronto in 1983 with an enrolment of 36 students.

Rabbi David Kessler, the menahel (principal) of the yeshiva, says that there are now 170 boys enrolled at the school "and we are steadily growing." Previously, he notes, "The yeshiva was housed in pretty cramped quarters, in the Bobover Shtiebel and Kotel on Carmichael Avenue, in a portable in the parking lot behind the building and in rented space in an adjacent building."

Rabbi Kessler says that the Bobover education is unique because "without compromising our chassidishe mesorah (traditions) or deviating from the path of our fathers, the Bobov Yeshiva has incorporated modern techniques in teaching traditional values, while bringing boys from different walks of life."

He explains that the Bobov education embodies Torah learning and Torah living, all in a warm haymishe atmosphere. "In addition, by requiring our talmidim to converse in Yiddish, a much needed shield against slang of the streets is created."

The general studies program, he says, is fully accredited and comprehensive, under the direction of a certified English Studies Supervisor.

The yeshiva's approach to Torah chinuch (education) stresses warmth, character development and a style of learning reminiscent of chinuch in Europe. Along with emphasis on Yiddish, aidelkeit (gentility) is stressed which is examplified in the Bobover Rebbe.

The story of Bobov is the story of a chassidic dynasty spanning nearly 100 years. Rabbi Shlomo Halberstam tz"l, revered for his piety and wisdom, was the first Bobover Rebbe. In 1893, he established a yeshiva in the obscure town of Bobov in Galicia.

Rabbi David Kessler

Almost overnight, the word "Bobov" entered the language in Jewish communities throughout Poland, Galicia and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Rabbis, famed scholars and hopeful students endured all manner of hardships to travel through virtual wilderness to listen to the words of the rebbe.

The dynasty was passed to his son Rabbi Ben Zion Halberstam in 1905. The yeshiva continued to flourish and despite the havoc in Galicia during World War I, the yeshiva had grown to a network of 43 branches.

Rebbe murdered in Holocaust

Rabbi Ben Zion was murdered in the Holocaust with his youngest son and three sons-in-law. Rabbi Shlomo, named after his grandfather, the third generation Halberstam, became the Rabbi of Bobov.

Rabbi Shlomo lived a double life during World War II. Using forged papers to secure a position as an overseer in a concentration camp, he rescued hundreds of doomed Jews from the jaws of the Gestapo.

Arrested and sentenced to death, his compatriots bribed the Nazi officials and the rabbi returned to his rescue operations. Despite the murders of his father, wife and three sons in Auschwitz, he emerged from the Holocaust with faith in G-d and His Torah stronger and his determination to rebuild unshakable, as he gave spiritual comfort to his Jewish brethren.

At the yeshiva, a special relationship is developed between the rebbe, the students and teachers. "The children feel that they are loved and valued and they thrive beautifully in this atmosphere. In just a few short years, the school has earned the reputation of being one of the finest in the city."

Rabbi Kessler says, "Our acquisition of this new building has opened up new horizons for us, revitalized our energies and has given us a feeling of 'anything is possible'."

He adds that "We are extremely gratified that the Bobover Rebbe Shlita has so kindly accepted our invitation to join us in celebrating the Chanukas Habayis (the inauguration of our new school) in conjunction with a Hachnosas Sefer Torah (the ceremony welcoming a new Torah into a synagogue or house of learning), to take place, G-d Willing, Sunday, Dec. 15, Parshah Vayechi."

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Organizations and People

Middle East peace redefined

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
It would be "a major mistake" for Israel to seek a romanticized, Western notion of peace with the Arabs, says a leading Israeli academic.

The Jewish state should instead seek a settlement with Arabs, one that would be "less than peace, but good enough for Israel and good enough for Arabs," Prof. Dan Scheuftan told Jewish students at York University last week.

Peace in the accepted sense of the word is impossible in the Middle East, said Scheuftan, a Hebrew University expert on Arab-Israeli affairs and a consultant to American and Israeli politicians.

"It is impossible to expect that Arabs will treat their enemy [Israel] better than they treat each other," he said. "You cannot persuade Arabs to change their ways."

Arabs cannot make peace with Israel because Arab countries are "inherently unstable" and wracked with "unbelievably" high levels of violence.

At its height, one year of civil war in Lebanon claimed more lives than all Arab casualties in the Arab-Israeli wars, he claimed.

Iraq invaded Kuwait "because it was there," while Saddam Hussein and Syrian leader Hafez Assad have murdered all their opponents, he said. "Arabs don't need a motive for attacking one another."

In the Mideast, "nobody in their right mind" believes the recent Madrid peace talks will actually lead to peace. But at the least, Israel managed to impose its views on all Arab participants, he added.

And the Syrians would not have to come to Madrid if they still believed they could destroy Israel militarily, he said.

The Arabs now feel Israel cannot be toppled by military force, while Israel continues to press for one point: the recognition of its existence, he said.

The intifada, he said, has failed because Palestinians are now willing to accept what they rejected five years ago.

Scheuftan called the Arab uprising "a cocktail of Arab stones, American television and Jewish guilt."

Peace will come not from love and mutual understanding, but from frustration, which is building on all sides, he said.

"If you're intelligent, you're frustrated. And if you're not intelligent, you can always be minister of housing."

Scheuftan's talk was sponsored by York's Jewish Student Federation and the United Jewish Appeal's student campaign.

Rabbi Moses Burak (centre) with (left) Michael Klein and David Wiener honorees at the 1991 Kollel Esh Dat annual dinner.

Kollel Esh Dat honors supporters

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Good humor, friendship and a feeling of "haymishness" permeated the banquet hall of Beth Jacob Synagogue recently, when a crowd of over 300 gathered to support Tel Aviv's Kollel Esh Dat and to honor David Weiner and Michael Klein.

Dinner chairman Rabbi Moses Burak described Weiner, president of Visioneering Corp., as one who "deserves well of the Jewish community."

The rabbi described how Weiner and his wife Susan reached Canada "the way people came [after the Holocaust] — empty-handed, with courage, understanding and faith."

Weiner, Rabbi Burak said, "a wonderful friend," is a generous supporter of many causes, especially in Israel.

Instead of the conventional honoree speech, Weiner spoke of a recent trip to Scandinavia, noting how Denmark, Sweden and even Finland, a country allied with Nazi Germany, saved large numbers of Jews.

Michael Klein, said Rabbi Burak, the third generation of his family to worship at Beth Jacob, is "generous to local and foreign institutions."

He noted how Klein, head of the Diamond Shoe Co., made a warehouse available to store clothing collected for Soviet immigrants.

Klein and Weiner were presented with decorated silver kiddush cups.

Rabbi Burak urged the audience to support Kollel Esh Dat, an instiution of advanced Torah learning.

"If people are prepared to support ball players who earn $2 million and still occasionally miss, how much more should we support those who never miss studying Torah?"

He described helping such places as "building other worlds for the future."

After the dinner, Beth Jacob cantor Moshe Ginz, accompanied by Yehuda Gilden, gave a concert.

The Kollel Esh Dat dinner is an annual event in Toronto. Previous honorees include Harry Korolnek, Dr. Aaron Jesin, Jack Kosoy and Max Zeifman.

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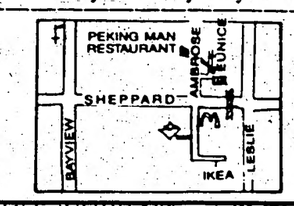

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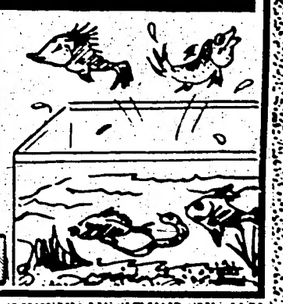

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Arts

Tom Wood (right) who stars as the Jewish Auschwitz survivor in Singer, comforts his non-Jewish fellow prisoner, Manik (Robert Haley).

Wood leads outstanding cast in Flannery's provocative drama

By
FRANK RASKY

All throughout the gripping three hours of Peter Flannery's powerful, profound and brilliantly provocative drama *Singer*, I couldn't help thinking of the refrain from Bertolt Brecht's *Three Penny Opera*.

"What keeps a man alive?" asked Brecht. Then his lyrics answered, "He feeds on others."

Flannery's epic, which explores man's inhumanity to man, has the same savagely satirical bite of the musical masterpiece staged on Broadway in 1954 by Brecht.

Furthermore, the British dramatist's 1989 play reminded me of Bernard Shaw's theatrical social tract, *Mrs. Warren's Profession*. While the Shavian drama probed the hypocrisy of respectable pillars of British society secretly financing chains of brothels in the 1920s, Flannery's expose focuses on the same Church of England elite serving as clandestine slum landlords.

What makes *Singer* so exceptional is that Flannery, a non-Jew, has dared to fuse seamlessly two plays examining issues that are highly sensitive to Jews.

The first half of *Singer* is loosely modelled after the bizarre life story of Peter Rachman, the Polish Jew from Auschwitz who became London's most notorious slumlord. We follow the rise and fall of the Rachmanlike Peter Singer as he cheats and exploits homeless blacks and whores with a ruthlessness he learned from his oppressive masters at Auschwitz. It ends in 1960 with him walking into a pond, feeling hollow and worthless, apparently intent on drowning himself.

But the second half of the play, which is presented as a kind of Hogarthian fantasy, begins with him emerging from the pond, carrying a briefcase and clad in a guru-like robe, and joking to the audience: "Who said Jews don't make good swimmers? We make good everything."

The audience responds with laughter. But it turns out to be gallows humor as he continues with the accusation: "Lampshades. Fertilizers. Handbags . . . Why? For what reason was it done to us Jews?"

The remaining scenes in the play deal with revenge and redemption and they make it absolutely clear in a positive fashion that this play is not anti-Semitic.

In the most outrageous scene, we see Singer, after serving free soup to the homeless for 20 years, lamenting his fate as the Jewish Saint of the South Bank of the Thames. "It's boring!" he protests Job-like when Stefan, his faithful nephew who serves as his conscience, keeps running after Singer wanting to touch the hem of his garments.

In the end, weeping over the body of Stefan, who has committed suicide after obsessive years of painting and repainting images of the death camp horrors, Singer decides that he too will commit himself to remembering the past.

Tom Wood's portrayal of Singer, whether as a prison camp zombie or as a wheeler-and-dealer outfoxing the two-faced English Tory real estate exploiters (who, in fact, wear grotesque masks throughout the play) can only be described as a triumphant tour de force. Artistic director Bob Baker has staged the play with marvellous imagination. And the cast of 18 Canadian actors are uniformly wonderful when performing more than 50 roles.

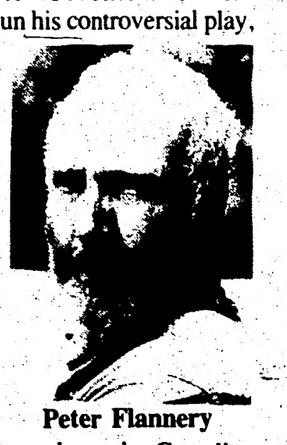
On opening night, I was the first to leap to my feet when the audience gave this superb Canadian Stage Company production a heartfelt standing ovation.

Flannery explains Singer

By
FRANK RASKY

British playwright Peter Flannery wants to make several points clear to Toronto's Jewish theatregoers who might shun his controversial play, *Singer*, in the belief that it is anti-Semitic.

His polemical drama, currently running until Dec. 7 at the St. Lawrence Centre, stirred up a storm in advance because it is based in part on the true life story of Peter Rachman, a Polish Jew who survived Nazi labor camps to become a slum landlord in London during the 1950s.



Peter Flannery

In a *CJN* interview last week, at the Canadian Stage Company headquarters on Berkeley Street, the prize-winning dramatist defended himself against the following accusations:

- "Peter Singer, the character I created, is certainly not representative of all Holocaust survivors."
- "Though both are Jews trying to survive in a hostile society, to equate Singer with a grasping Shylock stereotype is inappropriate and not helpful in trying to understand what my play is all about."
- "Right-wing London drama critics have claimed that I've equated Thatcherism with Holocaust Nazism. My answer is that this is a gross and wilful misreading of my play."

What exactly is the play about? Flannery sums it up in this simplified form:

"It's a theatrical study of how one is to conduct one's life after physically surviving the wounding horrors of the Holocaust. Also, it explores the strategies of some survivors when dealing with their scarred emotions, whether to remember or forget their nightmare experiences."

In his play, the reformed Singer has learned from his experiences and decides: "The mistake was not remembering *enough*."

Furthermore, the drama ends on an upbeat note with Singer's concluding speech:

"When someone builds a machine the size of half a continent, employing a cast of thousands, just to make you into soap, it's hard to take seriously the idea of progress. But it's necessary to go on trying."

Flannery readily concedes that some Holocaust survivors might consider him impertinent for trying to put himself in their shoes and imagine what it was like to endure their sufferings.

"After all, I'm a gentile, a lapsed Catholic," he says. "All I had to go by was my reading of Jewish Holocaust literature and my willingness as an artist to take risks, to stick my nose in where it doesn't belong, to have a lot of chutzpah."

In fact, Flannery had more than a gambling instinct to help him tackle his epic subject. A grey-bearded Brechtian socialist of 40 with sensitivity and ironic wit, who studied drama at the University of Manchester, he calls himself "a natural dissenter, a shit-disturber, a working-class rebel always challenging the establishment."

In addition, his wife, Elizabeth, is Jewish; and so were her refugee mother, Lucie Rosenhau, and refugee grandfather, Dr. Manik Rosenhau, who fled from Vienna to England, leaving behind a number of relatives who were exterminated during the Holocaust.

Flannery got the idea for his play 10 years ago when reading Shirley Green's sympathetic biography, *Rachman*, about the former would-be dentist who used his prison camp guile and ruthlessness learned from his Nazi oppressors to become a cold-blooded slumlord.

"I was interested to learn that Rachman was not motivated by the guilt for the cruel things he'd done to survive," says Flannery. "He was impelled by his sense of worthlessness. As his physician said, 'He'd got nothing. He could do nothing. And he was nothing in the camps.' "

Flannery's chief source for understanding the psyche of Holocaust victims was Primo Levi, the Italian chemist, who wrote the compassionate classic memoir of his experiences, *Survival In Auschwitz*. Flannery was inspired by Levi's analysis:

"The survivors are divided into two well-defined groups: those who repress their past en bloc, and those whose memory of the offence persists, as though carved in stone."

When his play was first staged two years ago by the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford-Upon-Avon, Flannery says he was comforted by two responses. One was the enormous number of letters he received from Holocaust survivors praising him for capturing the painful experiences they had endured so authentically.

The other was the reaction of his mother-in-law. "Lucie has never been my greatest fan," he recalls. "She had never liked me as a playwright. And she had never liked the work of the South African Jewish actor, Antony Sher, who played the role of Singer. This time she saw the play's final performance at Stratford, and then she sat there stunned into silence, and then she wept."

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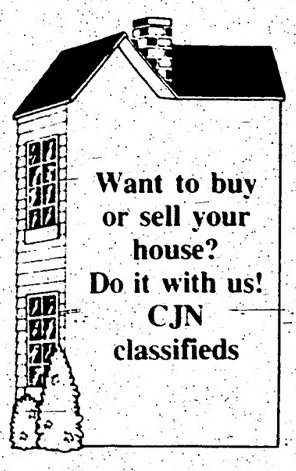

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Frank Rasky's SHOWBIZ SHORTS

The town will be jumping this week and next with several big-name Jewish stars.

I had the most fun interviewing comedienne **Joan Rivers** (originally Brooklyn-born Simcha Molinsky) who is performing Nov. 23 at the O'Keefe Centre. The 58-year-old "Queen of Barbed One-liners" was all agog about two new things she is currently promoting.

Frank Rasky

One is the Joan Rivers Classics Collection. A seeming contradiction in terms, it's a line of "faux, fine jewelry," meaning affordable false costume jewelry.

The other is her newly published autobiography, *Still Talking* (Random House of Canada; 293 pages; $25). In it, she recalls the first breakthrough joke she recounted to **Johnny Carson** in the 1960s that launched her reputation as the naughty "Can we talk?" comic.

"When I had my baby, **Melissa**," she told the shocked TV talk show audience, "I screamed and screamed — and that was just during conception."

What is the most memorable of her acid witticisms at the expense of celebrities? It's probably a toss-up between two vitriolic gags.

On **Elizabeth Taylor's** weight problem: "This woman has more chins than a Chinese phone book." On **Queen Elizabeth's** present wardrobe: "Gowns by Helen Keller."

Pop pianist-singer **Michael Feinstein** (who'll be performing Nov. 25 at Roy Thomson Hall) is best known in Tin Pan Alley circles under the billing of "The Britannica of Broadway." Just 35, he was the protege of the late lyricist **Ira Gershwin** (brother of composer **George Gershwin**) and has won the reputation as the most erudite scholar of pop songwriters.

I asked him what was the funniest of song titles, and he immediately rattled off the title of the **Burton Lane** composition, with lyrics by **Alan Jay Lerner**, *How Could You Believe Me When I Said I Love You When You Know I've Been A Liar All My Life*?

Joan Rivers

Philip Drube

Another Brooklyn-born pop star, **Barry Manilow** (who'll be performing Nov. 25 and 26 at the O'Keefe Centre) admits, "It's been a long shlep up the ladder of success." The 45-year-old romantic singer, songwriter, arranger and pianist began humbly as the house pianist at New York's Continental Baths as an accompanist to the then-unknown Jewish chantootsy **Bette Midler**.

Manilow, probably best known for his joyful rouser, *I Write The Songs*, has just completed his 23rd album, *Showstoppers*, and is currently writing his first film score for the animated movie *Thumbelina*. "I've worked my butt off to get here," he says, "and I'm gonna work my butt off to stay here."

I predict a splendid future ahead for Toronto's Jewish up-and-coming modern dancer and choreographer, **Philip Drube**. At 33, he's a handsome, virile member of the Desrosiers Dance Theatre, and you can see him in action Nov. 21 to 30 at Harbourfront's Premiere Dance Theatre, 207 Queen's Quay W. (973-4000). He'll be performing in the premieres of *Full Moon* and *Black And White* by Drube's mentor, **Robert Desrosiers**, whom I consider Canada's most brilliant dance showman.

I look forward to seeing the following shows featuring Jewish creators . . . **Jack Mendelsohn**, principal cellist with the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and former member of the Israel Symphony Orchestra, will perform with **Catherine Wilson's** Trio Vivant Nov. 21 at the St. Lawrence Centre (366-7723).

Phyllis Cohen is composer of the spooky music in **Uwe Meyer's** murder mystery, *The Case of the Wandering Corpse*, running until Nov. 30 at Solar Stage, 4950 Yonge St. (221-9855).

Pianist **Ruth Morawetz**, founder of Toronto's Classical Cabaret, will be accompanist of the singers performing musical works by **Leonard Bernstein** and Canadian composer **Oskar Morawetz** Nov. 24 at the George Ignatieff Theatre, 15 Devonshire Place (925-0284).

Raissy Brownstone is the Jewish producer and **Judith Orban** the Jewish co-star of *Eleemosynary*, **Lee Blessing's** drama about the relationships between three generations of mothers. It's running from Nov. 28 to Dec. 14 at the Alumnae Theatre, 70 Berkeley St. (364-4170).

I'll bow out with the melancholy truism by Jewish novelist **Norman Mailer**:

"Writers don't have lifestyles. They sit in little rooms and write."

CZF gets into public speaking

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The future Theodor Herzls and Golda Meirs of the world have a chance to prove their worth.

A round-trip to Israel is the prize offered to participants in two categories of a public speaking competition sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation.

The Israel trip is being offered to those competing in the ages 15 to 18 group and in the ages 19 to 22 category.

The topics are so well related to the news relating to Israel that young men and women should have no trouble finding one they can get their teeth into.

In category B, the older age group, the topics to choose from are: Diaspora Jewish leadership should have the right to express its views with regard to Israel's foreign and domestic policies; Trading land for peace will provide a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict; Judaism will survive even without a State of Israel; One can be an affirming and loyal Jew even if one expresses oneself by secular means.

Public invited to attend

In the younger age category, the topics to choose from are: It is possible for a Jew living in the Diaspora to be a Zonist. The existence of separate communities in Israel and the Diaspora is a threat to the unity of the Jewish people; The success of current aliyah and klita (absorption) is beneficial for the future of the State of Israel; Jews who live outside of Israel have no right to criticize the country's foreign and domestic policies.

The contest is Ontario- wide and all in the proper age groups are eligible whether attending school or not. The only ones barred are those who make their living from public speaking.

The heats will begin Jan. 19 at times and places to be announced and the closing date for entries is Jan. 13. More information can be obtained from Denise Bagley, executive director of the Federation, 633-3988.

There will be three participants in each heat and the public will be invited to attend. Prominent community members will be the judges. After the 20-minute speeches, each candidate will be asked to answer three impromptu questions on the subject and then to take part in a panel discussion under a moderator.

If there are enough entrants from a particular city outside Toronto, it is possible that the early heats will be held there.

"Here is a chance for us to hear what young people have to say about these vital issues," said Bagley.

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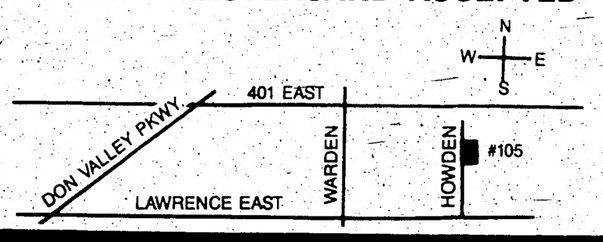

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Arts

Tracing Jewish ancestry possible, says genealogist

By
RANDI DRUZIN

TORONTO —

Jews can trace their ancestry in spite of the Holocaust, said genealogist Miriam Weiner at the Shaarei Shomayim Syngagoue, Nov. 7.

"It's a common misconception that it can't be done. Not all Jewish records were destroyed in the Holocaust. Many sources of Jewish vital records from Eastern Europe still exist, and now that the Cold War is over, these records are accessible," she said.

Weiner, whose appearance was sponsored, in part, by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, as part of Holocaust Education Week, is a syndicated columnist, author and lecturer on Jewish genealogy. She was also the first Jewish genealogist certified by the Board of Certification of Genealogists in Washington, D.C.

In a recent visit to the Soviet Union, Weiner gained access to several archival sites, two in which she discovered Torah scrolls which, she said, she was thrilled to hold. Weiner estimates there are several hundred unregistered Torah scrolls stored in other Soviet archives and she estimates there is an "unknown amount of Jewish material throughout the Soviet Union."

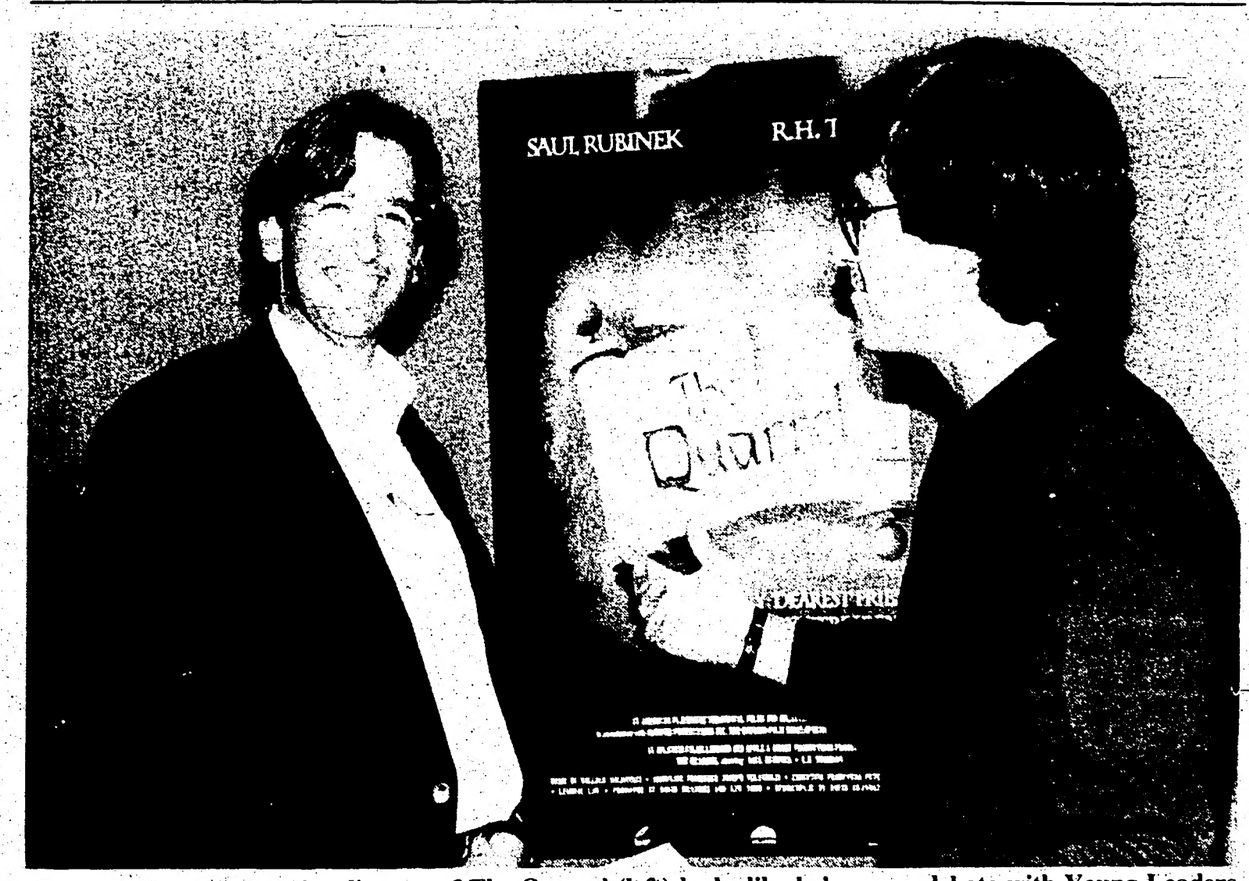
During her trip, Weiner met 50 of her distant relatives and obtained her grandmother's birth certificate from 1875. "It was the most important thing I came back with," she said, presenting a photocopy of the original.

Weiner encouraged members of the audience to trace their family ancestry as well. "You'll find many surprises when you start digging," she said. "Some will be painful, but some will be pleasant. Overall, it's a very rewarding experience."

Weiner suggested those interested start by recording information from older relatives and by locating the naturalization papers of ancestors who first settled in North America.

Weiner also named several agencies and reference books which, she said, are extremely helpful.

Weiner will conduct a genealogical home tour through the Soviet Union in 1992.



Peter Sussman , executive director of The Quarrel (left) looks like he's won a debate with Young Leaders president Tom Ehrlich following a benefit screening of The Quarrel for Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Movie buffs help Baycrest Centre

TORONTO —

The film *The Quarrel* and generosity combined to raise close to $10,000 for Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care recently, as about 400 movie buffs joined in a fund-raising event organized by the Baycrest Young Leaders group.

The Quarrel, starring Saul Rubinek and R. H. Thomson, is a dramatic story about two childhood friends and yeshiva study partners in pre-war Eastern Europe. A serious quarrel drives them apart, sending them on different paths in life. Many years later, after their lives have been shattered by the Holocaust, they meet again by chance in a Montreal park and they resume their debate.

The Young Leaders are women and men between 25 and 40 who want to attract a whole new generation of supporters to Baycrest and raise awareness of Baycrest programs and services among younger people.

Upcoming Young Leaders events include a hockey draft, children's concert and golf tournament.

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Deborah, Golda & Me: Being Female & Jewish in America, by Letty Cottin Pogrebin (Canadian Manda Group, $29.50).

Is it possible to reconcile Judaism with feminism in both the religious and secular realms? Can one live with a "feminist heart and a Jewish head?"

These are the difficult and complex questions at the core of this volume that charts the author's alienation from Judaism, her subsequent embrace of feminism, and her struggle to reconcile these two identities. Pogrebin, a founding editor of *Ms.* magazine and a nationally known lecturer, touches on almost every issue that affects Jewish women in modern society.

She became estranged from Judaism when, after the death of her mother, she was not permitted to recite Kaddish in her memory at the synagogue. "I refused to be an illegitimate child in my own religion. I could not be a ghost in the minyan. If I did not count, I would not stay. I mourned as a daughter and left Judaism behind."

The mehitzah, she points out, the traditional barrier that separates men and women in the synagogue, was first introduced centuries ago by assimilated Jews who wanted to mimic the majority culture which was Muslim. Traditional Jews today are defending a practice "that owes its origins to chadors, veils and the sex-separationist tenets of Islam."

A shocking revelation to the author was the widespread anti-Semitism that besmirches the intenational women's movement. In 1975 in Mexico City, and in 1980 in Copenhagen, — United Nations International Women's Decade Conference — delegates passed a "Zionism is racism" resolution that effectively identified most Jews as racists.

"I could not believe that supposed feminists . . . who were pledged to address the monumental problems of female infanticide, illiteracy, high mortality rates, abject poverty, involuntary pregnancies, domestic violence and so on— could allow their agenda to be hijacked on behalf of this unspeakable PLO slogan."

Out of these conferences came her understanding that if a Jewish woman does not take possession of her total identity and make it count for something, she may find that others will impose upon her a disagreeable label.

In seeking a new approach to an old religion she suggests rituals that are either revamped or newly created. These include women's prayer groups, a baby-naming ceremony that welcomes the birth of a daughter with as much fanfare as the ritual circumcision for a son, adult bat mitzvah ceremonies, the resurrection of an 18th century prayer for breastfeeding, kaddish for a miscarriage and a feminist Passover seder.

Author tackles issues

She exults in her conclusion that there is nothing quite like the feeling of community created by women for women in a Jewish context.

The author doesn't skirt tough issues such as the breakdown in black-Jewish relations and the seemingly intractable Palestine question.

On the later issue. Pogrebin is forthright, "In this era of global transformation, only Israel stagnates. She is the only Western democracy that controls another people against its will. She should give up the occupied territories — not just to fulfill her democratic principles, and not just to do right by the Palestinians, but for her own sake. Never before have the Jewish people dominated anyone and those who have dominated us have been vanquished. Why emulate them?"

This is an eloquent, thoughtful and reasoned statement — controversial, of course — that should be required reading for all who are striving to open doors to a more inclusive Judaism.

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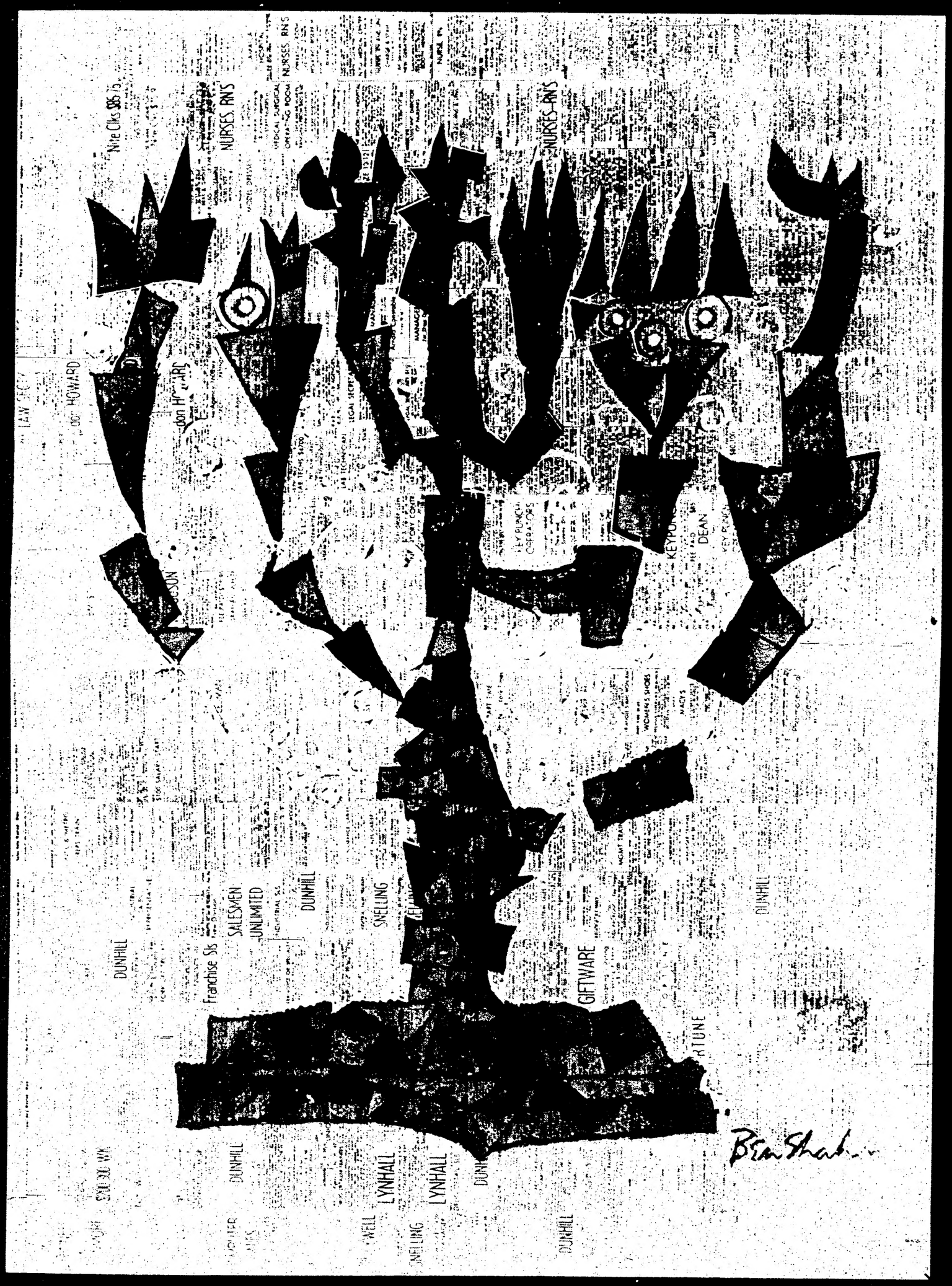

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Chanukah shopping suggestions

By
MARLA KAY

TORONTO —

Every year is the same. Chanukah approaches, I make a list, rush to the malls and shop, shop, shop. I get my Dad the usual tie, my mother the unusal sweater, and the kids get the usual toys.

This year is going to be different. This year I am determined to find gifts that people are going to remember and treasure. I am going to stay away from the traditional shopping at suburban malls and seek alternatives. It's about time I took the drudgery out of Chanukah shopping and had some fun.

The first stop on my quest is the On-of-a-Kind Canadian Craft Show. It begins on Nov. 28 and runs until Dec. 8 at the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place.

This show offers Toronto a unique shopping experience. There are 550 of Canada's best contemporary and traditional artisans. You can see the work of toy makers, sculptors, jewellers, glassblowers, painters, printmakers, metal workers, native craftspeople, potters, chocolate makers, weavers and sewers. The originality, scope and quality of their work is extraordinary, so choosing is not easy. How exciting to be able to select a gift and meet the artist who created it. From $5 to $5,000, you can find gifts and crafts as special as the men and women who make them.

Across the road at the Coliseum, Exhibition Place on Nov. 28 through Dec. 1, The Greatest Sale on Earth Show has been carefully planned to have everything for everyone from children to seniors. It is a one-stop full family entertainment holiday gift buying show. Allan Kauffman, producer, says, "The Greatest Sale on Earth Show promises to put the fun back into holiday shopping. Opening day offers free admission for everyone and for the remaining days, admission is free to children and seniors."

There will be carnival midways filled with free rides, clowns and games, live bands and even a licensed casino to raise money for the Variety Club.

There will be 500 exhibitors present and to add even more fun to the shopping experience, The Greatest Sale on Earth Show will have hourly giveaways, live demonstrations and daily door crasher specials. Now that's shopping!

About 20 miles outside of Toronto is the Stouffville Country Flea Market. It's a great place to find wonderful gift items. Open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. all year around, the merchants are very friendly and helpful and always offer advise to assist you in your purchases.

You will find everything from furs to furniture, collectible porcelain dolls, jewellery, sport cards, electronics, clothing, floral arrangements and much, much more. The best part of the market is that the merchandise is sold lower than retail prices and in some cases lower than "Buffalo prices."

Rob Shannon, market manager says: "Stouffville Country Flea Market is not just a place to buy fruits and vegetables and hundreds of other things. It's hours of entertainment and a fun family outing."

I found that at the flea market you can spend hours just browsing without feeling the intimidation of over-zealous store-clerks. It's great just to wander around and buy something when the mood strikes you. The vendors don't mind bargaining with you for a different price which adds to the fun.

Shopping for Chanukah should be an enjoyable experience, no matter where you go. Choose a gift that is as much fun to buy as it is to give.

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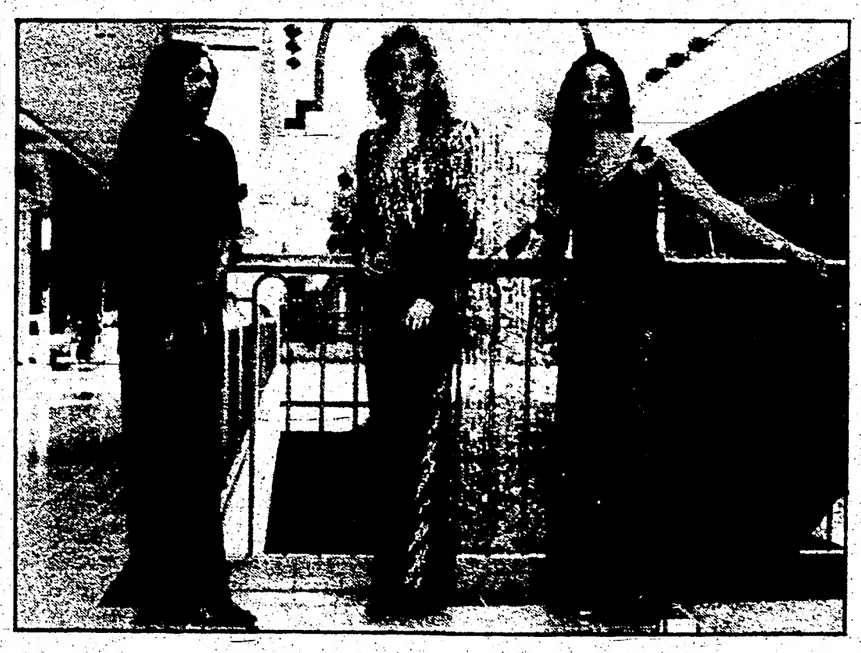

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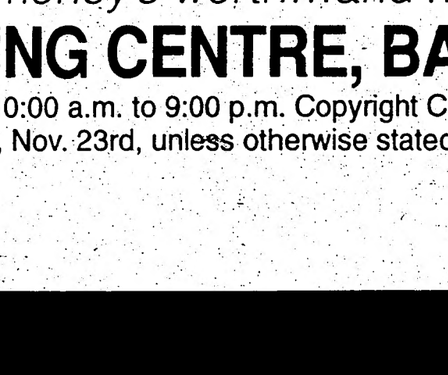

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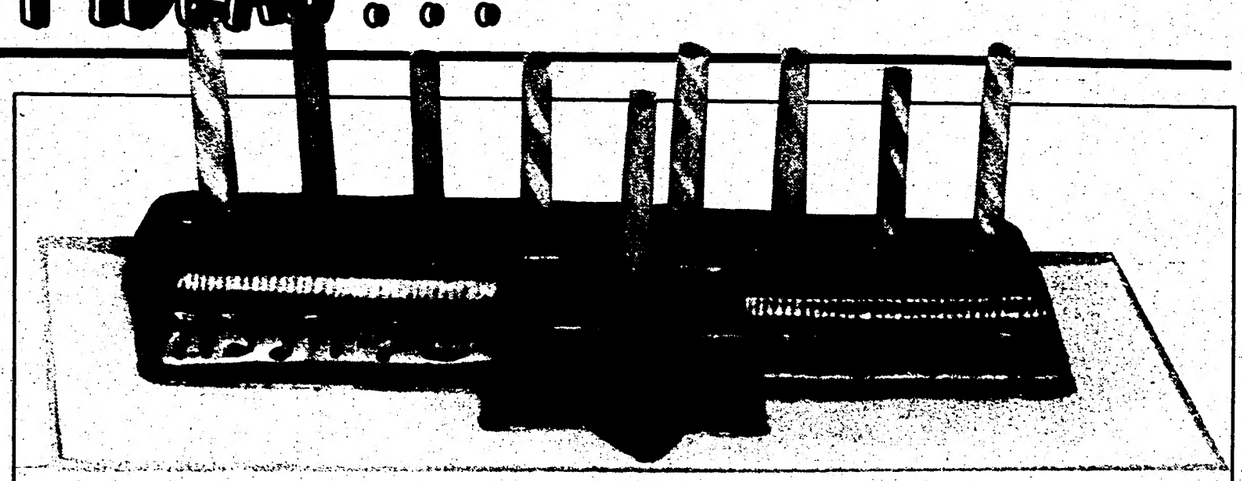

CHOCOLATE TREATS

Bob Levine from Chocolate Charm is able to design solid chocolate treats, like this menorah, that would be perfect for a table centrepiece for Chanukah parties. (Marie-Josee Crete photo)

Pencil portraits capture memories

By
JOSEPH SERGE

Every year buying gifts for those who have everything or don't need anything is a headache.

Beth Gorbet may be the extra-strength cure you've been looking for.

Gorbet, a graphic artist, does pencil portraits from photographs. This unique gift, of perhaps a portrait of your children, will surely bring a smile to bubbie's face on Chanukah.

"It makes a lovely gift. A pencil portrait has a particular warmth that a photograph doesn't have," Gorbet said. "And everyone is smiling and everyone's eyes are open."

Gorbet began doing this when she couldn't think what to get her parents for their 45th wedding anniversary. "Another ashtray or decorative bowl just wouldn't do," she said.

"Since my two children are my parents' only grandchildren, I decided it would be especially meaningful for them to have an illustration in which both kids displayed their most endearing expression."

Her friends like her work so much they requested portraits of their own children.

Gorbet works solely from photographs. This avoids the impossible task of trying to get the children to sit still for hours and allows Gorbet to work at her leisure.

If you have two or more children you want to include in one portrait but don't have any photograph where all of them are perfect, you could give Gorbet several photos and choose the best expression for each child. The photos don't have to be professional shots as she can do perfect renditions even from Poloroid snapshots.

The 18- by 24-inch portrait costs $100 per head and takes two to three weeks to complete. Gorbet can be reached at 889-3569.

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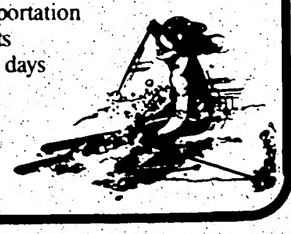

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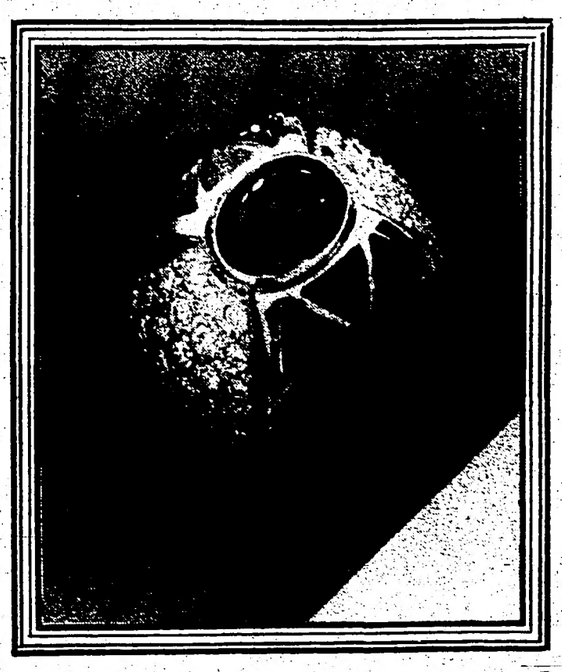

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Give a Sixth Scents session

By
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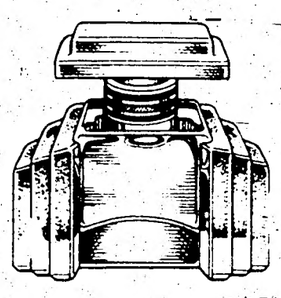

Having trouble finding that perfect gift for a special loved one?

Perhaps, a nice bottle of perfume is in order.

However, one expert urges people not to go rushing out to buy the prettiest bottle at the beauty counter because although the bottle is attractive, the scent inside may be totally unsuitable.

Instead, why not buy your loved one a one-hour session with Marian Bendeth, a fragrance specialist.

Bendeth calls her company Sixth Scents and she sees herself as one who deals with the art of fragrance.

"You have to look at perfume as an investment because it is an inspiration in how people see you," Bendeth says.

She points out two places where people normally go wrong when they are considering the purchase of a scent. First, she warns, never buy a bonus.

"A bonus is not a bonus if you don't like the perfume or if it doesn't suit you."

Secondly, she says that most consumers are not educated when it comes to fragrances.

Bendeth suggests that, before the purchase, consider how the scent makes one feel and how long it will last. She says most people make the purchase based on the fancy packaging and not what is inside.

She says that there is a specific scent for everyone. Bendeth likened fragrances to jewels; they all have different colors, functions and depths.

Bendeth urges both men and women to build a wardrobe of fragrances. However, for most, consultations and direction is needed in order to build a collection that is right for them.

Bendeth says the psychology of fragrances is difficult for people to understand. An ill-suited perfume can send mixed messages to others.

For example, she cites the female executive who appears to speak at a conference filled with males wearing a scent that is more suitable for evenings. She says this sends out messages like: I am available; I am an airhead; or Don't take me seriously.

However, she is quick to point out that not all scents are sexual. Different fragrances evoke different moods. Scents can be clean and refreshing, mysterious and alluring, subtly assertive, fun and daring, feminine or macho, sporty and outdoorsy, and many more.

Bendeth says that she established her company so situations similar to the above will not happen.

"As a fragrance specialist, I have acquired over the years through purchase, research and active participation as a promotions assistant, a sixth sense as to which fragrance lines best suit the customer based on body chemistry, personality and environment."

Her unique and personalized in-depth consultation details all the aspects of the utilization of fragrance.

At the end of the session, Bendeth says she recommends four types of scents and testers of each are given to the customer to try.

Although Bendeth has an impressive collection of perfumes, she does not sell them or keep any in stock. Bendeth says that there is no pressure to buy.

She explains that based on where the client lives, she will recommend a local perfume counter where one or all of the scents may be purchased.

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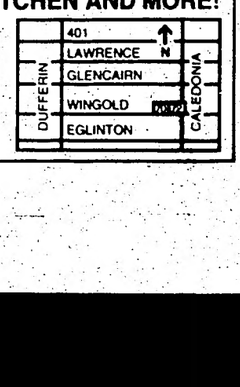

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By
JOSEPH SERGE

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"It behaves, acts and moves like a baby," said John Sinclair, director of marketing for the Mississauga-based company. "When filled with water, its hands and feet become tactile and can grab, almost like a real baby." It is this non-mechanical, lifelike movement of this soft, pliable doll that separates it from other dolls.

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When all eyes were focused on the royal couple during their recent visit to Kingston, Ont., the city presented the whole family with leather and tapestry bags by designer Corinne Farber.

So, like I said, if they are good enough for the royal family, I'd be willing to bet that your loved one would be thrilled to receive one for Chanukah.

Farber will be at the One-of-a-Kind Canadian Craft Show and Sale that will be held Nov. 28 to Dec 8 at Exhibition Place in Toronto.

Farber says she has a wide range of styles available and just as many prices. The costs run from $36 to $350, accommodating all budgets.

Farber explains that she uses expensive rich tapestry fabric from Belgium and the United States in her designs. She adds that the supple, hard-wearing Canadian leather she uses ages nicely. The solid brass hardware used for buckles and clasps, lends a rich look to the bags.

Farber describes her company as a cottage industry. She explains that she has been designing with tapestry for the past 14 years from her home in Kingston before it became fashionable to do so.

One factor that makes her designs unique is the skill that she employs when working with her fabrics. Few have it, she claims.

Farber says she makes her bags functional but with few dividers.

"I tend to make big bags that you have to dig your hand into to find something," she says, adding that along with the big and slouchy type, she makes smaller ones.

Farber says they appeal to a wide cross-section of the population from teenagers to the elderly. Her biggest clientele to date is the professional woman.

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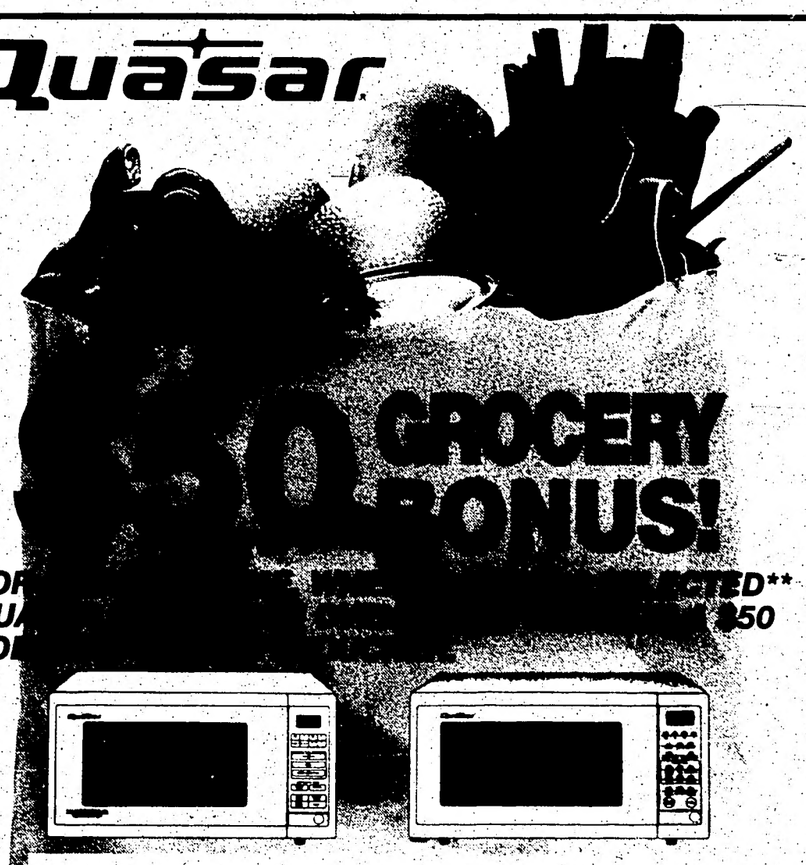

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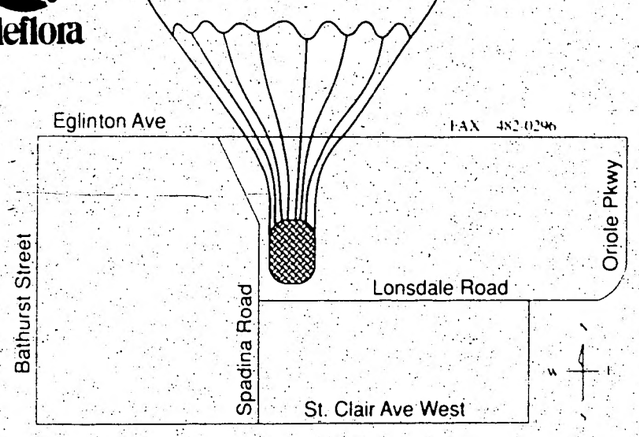

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Shlock-Rock takes centre stage

JERUSALEM —

Just how much did the Beatles, collectively and individually, know about Jewish history? Probably about the same as the late Roy Orbison, the Rolling Stones or even Billy Joel — which is to say, precious little.

Yet these past and present rock superstars are unknowingly contributing to the education of thousands of Jewish kids around the world — via the unlikely medium of Shlock-Rock.

Created by Lenny Solomon, a 30-year-old New Yorker born and bred in Queens, Shlock-Rock is indisputably the biggest noise in Jewish music today.

This unlikely group of semi-professional, talented and dedicated musicians, has forged a highly effective style in which it inserts its own words and messages into well-known rock hits from the 1950s through to the present day.

In fact, the three things that separate Solomon from the rest of the pack of Jewish musicians are the lines, the message between the lines, and the bottom line.

The bottom line is now positive, meaning that Solomon makes a living from his albums and appearances. Coming from a highly musical family, Solomom studied piano and accordion for 10 years from the age of 8, and minored in music in college. But he majored in accounting, and worked in that field until 1985 when he decided, with strong encouragement from his parents, to quit crunching numbers and make music his full-time occupation.

Until then, he, like most other performers in Jewish music bands, was a part-timer on the weekend circuit of family celebrations and campus study groups and retreats. But a job offer of music director for a Jewish educational organization opened the way for him to devote himself to the activity in which he excels.

The vibes that Solomon wants his audience to pick up are Jewish awareness and pride, and to this end he unabashedly adapts well-known hits that his listeners can identify with. Keeping the original music, he inserts his own lyrics, all of which have a distinct Jewish content.

The result is shlock-rock.

Solomon began writing shlock songs as far back as 1982, when he was with a band called Kesher which played standard "chassidic rock" — i.e. songs using biblical verses and phrases from prayer services, set to rock music.

In early 1986, Lenny used his considerable powers of persuasion to issue an entire album of shlock, in which each track was a converted hit song with new lyrics, in English but with Jewish content.

His first album sold slowly but had, by the summer, become the strongest-selling record in the Catskills and elsewhere in the American-Jewish market. Based on this success, Solomon and his associates were able to make a second record in March 1987, and put on their first live show as "Shlock-Rock" in September that year.

Since then, the Shlock-Rock band has been producing an album every 12-18 months, and performing anywhere between 50 and 100 shows a year. The six-man band comprises three part-timers — a lawyer, a doctor and a dentist — two full-time musicians for whom Shlock-Rock is only part of their activity, and Solomon himself, for whom Shlock-Rock is his sole occupation.

The Shlock-Rock Band contributes to the education of Jewish children.

What started out as a joke has become more serious and more overtly educational as time goes on. Beginning with Shlock-Rock Three, an album entitled *To Unite All Jews*, every album has had its own theme, and the latest, Shlock-Rock V, is focused firmly on Jewish history — hence the title *Magical History Tour*.

This includes the lead song, *We've got a strong desire*, based on Billy Joel's hit *(We Didn't Start The Fire)*, which admirably summarizes the whole of Jewish history in 42 pithy lines. Other well-known hits converted to the cause of Jewish history are Roy Orbison's *Pretty Woman*, which tells of four famous biblical women, and — inevitably perhaps — the Beatles' *Back in the U.S.S.R.*, now renamed *Leaving the U.S.S.R.*, and concerned with the most current element of Jewish history.

But the album is not all serious, since the Rolling Stones' hit, *I Can't Get No Satisfaction* finds itself becoming a glorious Purim spiel called *I can't get no hamantashen*.

Solomon, who has appeared throughout North America, is now seeking to broaden his toe-hold in Israel with a more substantial involvement in the Israeli scene, thereby to achieve a worldwide presence in Jewish music.

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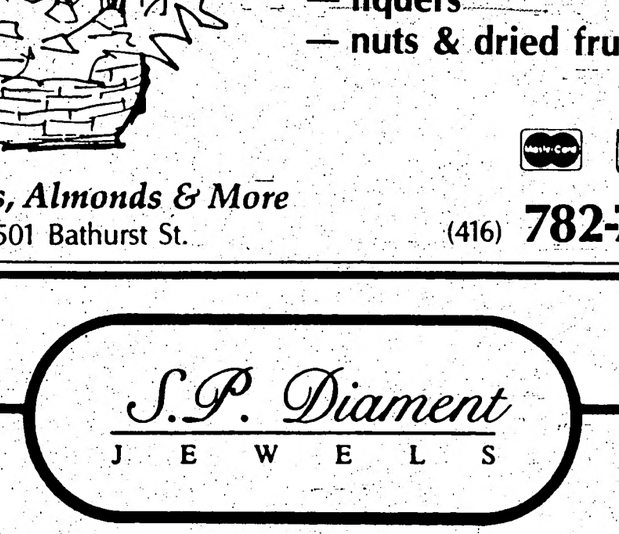

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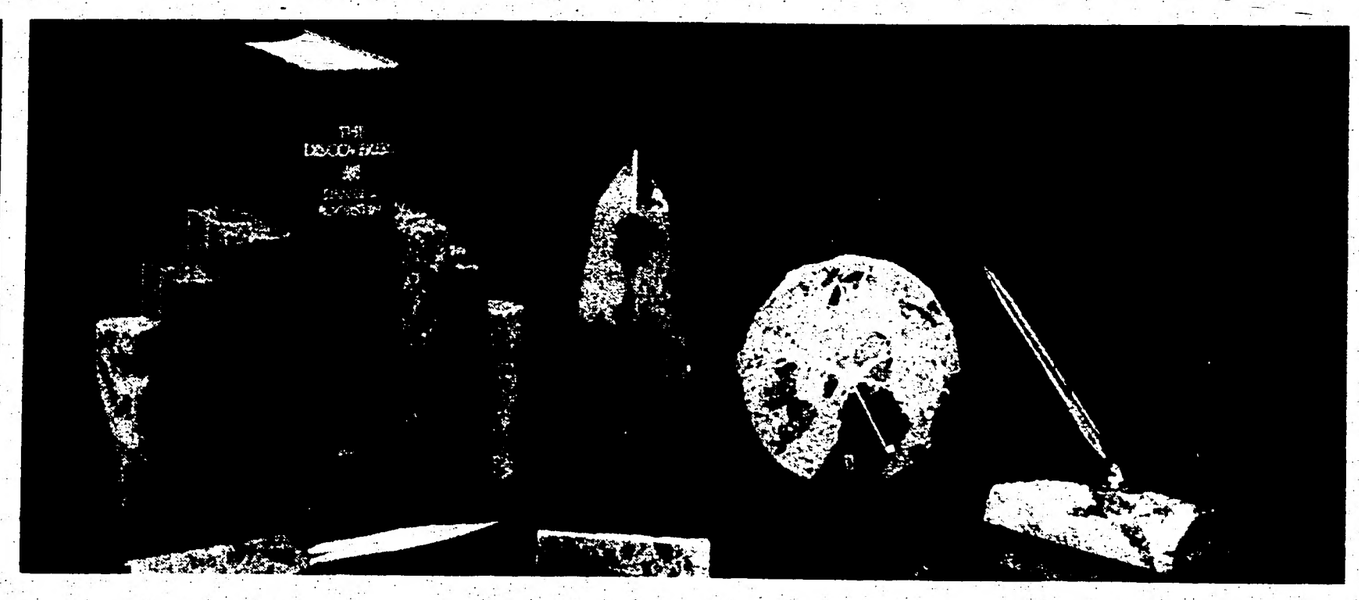

This marble relief sculpture and this collection of uniquely designed desk accessories are just some of the gift items available through Portfolio.

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Forman says that their idea was for Portfolio to offer services in all areas of corporate gift buying, from the planning and implementation of clients' long-term service award program, to the development of sales force motivational strategies linked to achievement awards. "We were able to accommodate the gift-buying needs of the biggest corporations, but we were small enough to provide intimate, personalized service for any small, medium-sized or large company."

She says that the idea was so successful that they have now moved into a showroom at 130 Spadina Ave. and are able to serve the gift needs of individuals as well as businesses.

Forman says that the product line includes such items as marble sculptures, desk accessories made from Canada's natural resources, hand-blown art glass and watches designed by native artists. "We also offer a wide range of services, from engraving, screening and packaging to shipping anywhere in the world."

For Chanukah, the showroom is brimming with original gift ideas ranging from a glass menorah, Stars of David or mezuzahs to original sand blasted liqueur and wine glasses.

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"For that person who really has everything, our signature line has made quite a hit. What we do is have the recipient's signature engraved in a gift item such as a business card holder, rolodox or pen set," says Forman.

She adds that if someone comes in with a gift idea that is not in the showroom they can find an artist that will have the gift custom made. "Merely come in with an idea and a budget and we will provide the artwork."

The pair currently works with artists such as Canadian sculptor David Bernett, whose work depicts life in the Canadian north and Toan Klein, who does hand-blown art glass. As well, two Indian artists from British Columbia have fashioned watches that have a design depicting an Indian legend and the artist's signature on each face. "The watches are the eiptome of art that can have a practical use. Not only are our clients supporting Canadian art, they're wearing it," says Forman.

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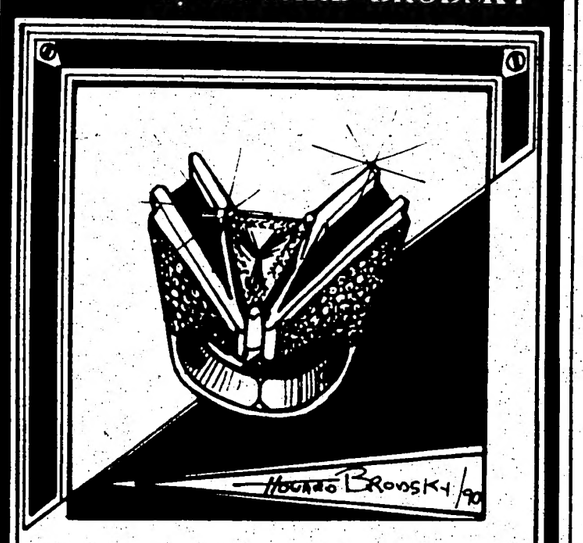

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In 1989, Body Reform Canada Ltd., Quebec, was established to develop a Natural Beauty Products franchise system throughout Canada. Based on the success of the initial store launch, 13 stores have been opened and more are planned.

The first store opened in September 1989 in Bridgewater, N.S. Today there are four stores in Nova Scotia, four in Quebec, three in Ontario, one in Saskatchewan, three in Alberta, and one in British Columbia.

The Natural Beauty recipes offer a range of toiletry and cosmetic products derived from natural ingredients. To suit all skin types and all tastes, the Natural Beauty recipes are available in a product range that includes bath and shower gel, bath salts, translucent glycerine soaps, hair shampoo and conditioner, hand and body lotions, and more. For the skin, the products are renowned for their regenerating and soothing qualities.

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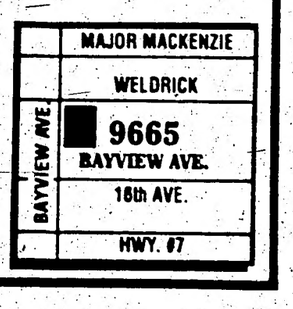

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By
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Reference books often hidden on public library shelves and never allowed home, can actually be bright, descriptive volumes that make wonderful gifts for children of all ages.

The Macmillan Animal Encyclopedia for Chidren by Roger Few ($21.95), for children ages 7 and older, is a full color book that is invaluable for animal lovers and student science projects. The encyclopedia selects nine major habitats, from the coniferous forests through grasslands and deserts to the sea and focuses on the creatures that make their homes there. Animals are then grouped according to their biological categories with the text highlighting lifestyles, movement, feeding, mating, rearing of young and more. It's a fascinating book for children and parents.

Macmillan First Atlas by Tony Potter and Nicola Wright and illustrated by Lyn Mitchell ($16.95) for pre-schoolers to Grade 2, introduces children to the technicalities of maps as it helps them to see their home and country in relation to the wider world.

Each spread includes some basic facts about the area shown, about its people, wildlife and places of interest. The entries are large and easy enough to understand that even the youngest reader will have a thoroughly enjoyable read.

With the environment being the hot topic of the decade, Atheneum Books for Children's *The Kid's Earth Handbook* ($17.95) for children ages 8-12 is a timely book.

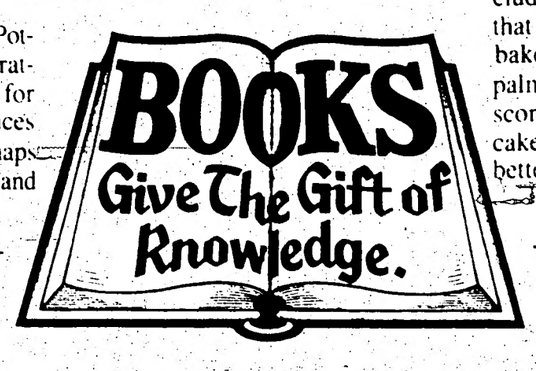
Author Sandra Markle shows kids how they can help the environment by explaining about such things as rain forests, wildlife management, the ozone layer and recycling. The books challenges young people to think and act to save our fragile environment.

Students, ages 10-14, interested in pursuing their study of ecology a little further may be interested in Roy Gallant's *Earth's Vanishing Forests* (Macmillan, $19.95).

Gallant explains that although they cover less than 2 percent of the planet, tropical rain forests contain the bulk of the earth's vegetation and 50 percent of plant species. He looks at how these forests are being destroyed and what the consequences are to the people who live in them, to our climate and to the survival of the earth.

My First Baking Book (Stoddart Pulishing Co. Ltd.) is a large, inviting, colorful book for would-be bakers. Instructions are kept simple and illustrations are life-size so children can compare the size of their pile of raisins with the pile in the illustration.

The one shortcoming I found, however, was the type of recipes included in the book. It is not too often that my two daughters have a yen to bake such delicacies as hazelnut palmiers, eccles cakes or cheese scones. Plain and simple cookies, cakes and breads would have been better.



Korman books make a great gift

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

It is a rare parent with children under 12 who doesn't know Gordon Korman and the goings-on at Macdonald Hall.

For the unitiated, Korman is a young, Jewish, Toronto-area writer, who wrote his first book, *This Can't be Happening at Macdonald Hall!* as a class project at the age of 12. Since then, he has published a whole series of books about the imaginary — one hopes — boarding school.

Apple Paperbacks has come out with a sure-to-be-popular boxed set of five books in the Macdonald Hall series: *Go Jump in the Pool!*, *The War with Mr. Wizzle*, *The Zucchini Warriors*, *Beware the Fish*, and the book that started the whole thing, *This Can't be Happening at Macdonald Hall*.

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The books, while perhaps lacking what might be called politically correct idealism, nevertheless offer what kids like most — stories of wacky but well-meaning youngsters, getting the better of grown-ups.

And few adults won't feel a sneaking sense of empathy with the students as they connive at defeating a new administrator who wants to make the kids wear ties and jackets to class, try ingenious methods of raising funds to build a school swimming pool, and circumvent the headmistress who thinks her charges are young ladies.

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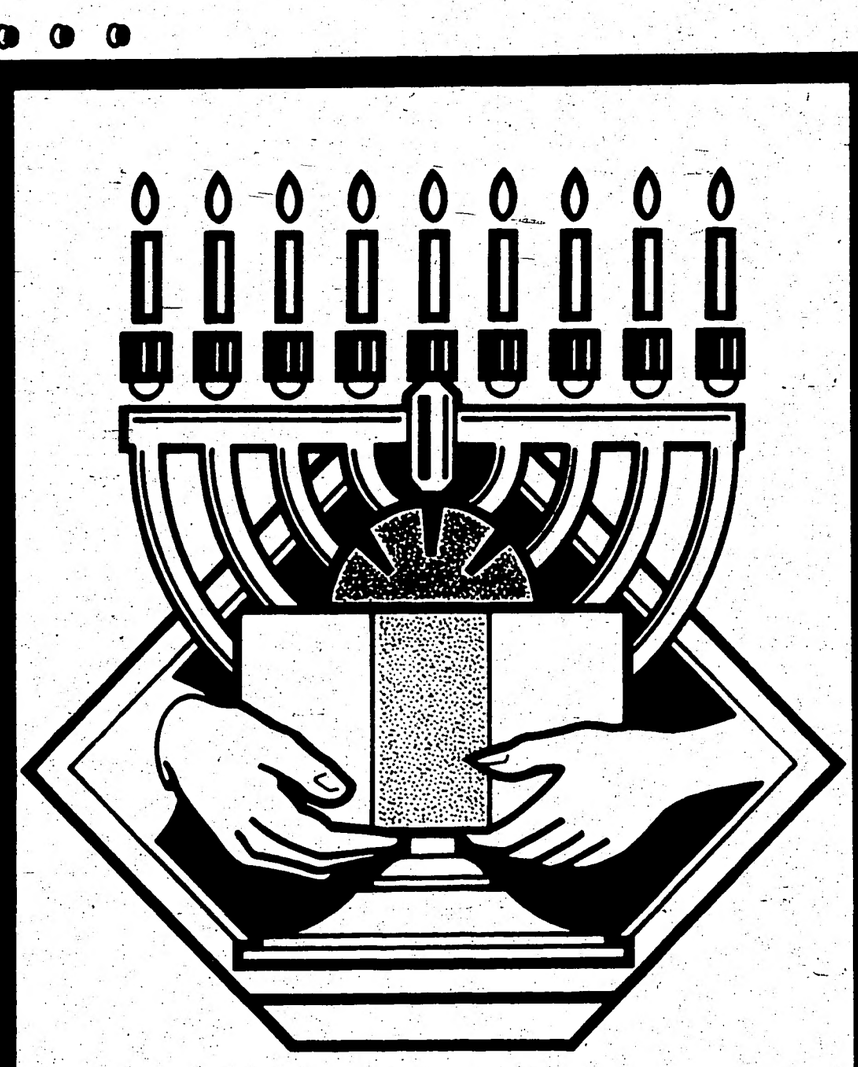

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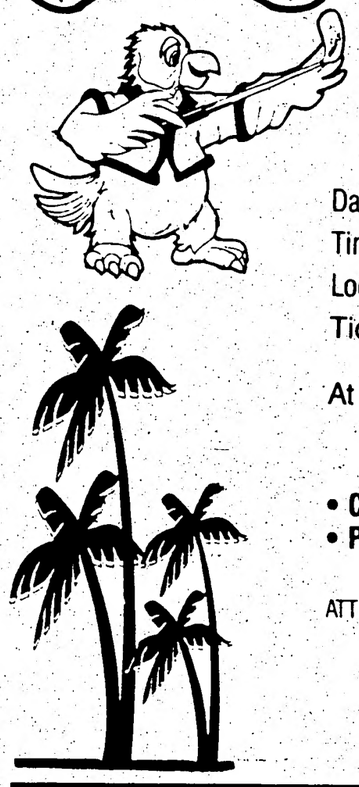

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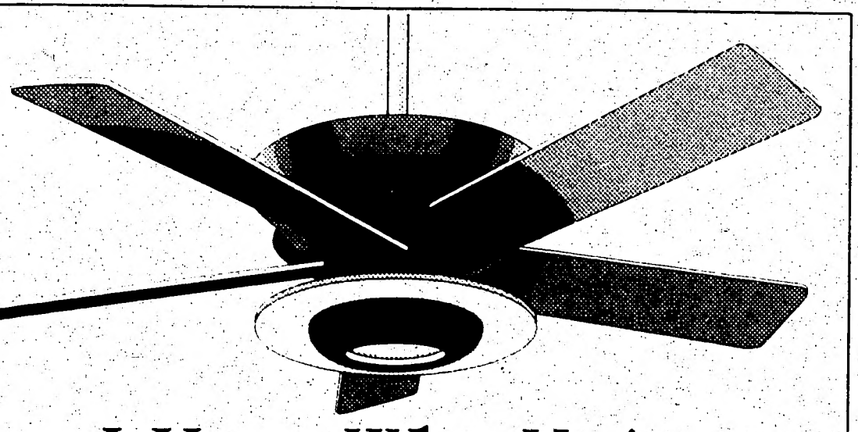

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By
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BUNNY BERGSTEIN
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EARL CRACKOWER

Question: I am 68 years old and have some health problems. In reviewing my retirement and estate plans with my wife and children it was suggested that my wife and I give power of attorney to each other. Is this a good idea and how does it work?

Answer: Please accept our compliments because you are considering this most important subject. Many people either avoid the subject or are not informed about the need of a power of attorney. Although the subject is a complex one, we hope the following explanation will highlight the most important features.

A power of attorney is a document with which one person gives to another person the authority to act in financial matters. In essence, the second person will now act for the donor who is temporarily or permanently no longer able to manage his own funds.

The actual power of attorney document should clearly state when the authority is to take effect and, in some circumstances, when it is to end.

Because the power of attorney is unrestricted, you should choose the donee very carefully. This person should be trustworthy, responsible and capable of managing financial matters.

The person must bear the burden of responsiblity on behalf of the donor and must act within the directions given by the donor.

A power of attorney does not go on forever. It dies with the donor and therefore does not come into play when dealing with one's estate.

As long as a person is competent, there is no need to have someone act on your behalf. The problem is that no one knows when one might become incompetent.

It is a very good idea to grant a power of attorney to become effective only if and when you no longer can look after your own financial affairs. To delay having made one could mean undue stress for a spouse or other family members. It could also mean unnecessary legal costs and possibly even the intervention of government in the form of the public trustee.

We suggest, as always, that you seek the advice and guidance of a lawyer, who has expertise and experience in this area.

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Beau Brummell store set to close

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

After more than a quarter century in the retail men's clothing business on Danforth at Pape, Harvey Yalonetsky is closing Beau Brummell Men's Fashion Store.

Although Yalonetsky hoped that one day he would sell his shop and spend his full time doing what he loves most, painting, he never imagined that he would be forced to close, because of the economic climate.

Born in Toronto, Yalonetsky studied art at Central Technical School and at the age of 18, he left school and worked as a manufacturer's agent of men's wear and later worked for five years in a retail men's wear shop.

In 1965, he opened Beau Brummell. "I had very little money but with hard work, I soon turned my business venture into a very successful operation." He believed that when he accumulated enough money, he would pursue a full-time career in art.

"During those years, I continued to attend art classes several times a week." When things went well through the '70s, Yalonetsky decided to complete his education at the Ontario College of Art and he worked nights and weekends. Upon graduation, he was confronted with the recession of the early '80s. No sooner had business recovered when he was faced with the 1987 stock market crash followed by the recession of 1989.

He says that Beau Brummell is and always was an excellent business, "as long as there is a committed full-time owner at the helm willing to provide the necessary time, energy and resources."

He told *The CJN* that Beau Brummell "is still a great store and when things get better, and I'm sure they will, it could once again operate in a very successful manner."

He says that when he told his regular clients that he was going out of business, many of them urged him to reconsider and not close. "I have very mixed feelings about closing."

Beau Brummell has a family atmosphere where customers have a first-name relationship. The antiques and stained-glass windows enhance the feeling of quiet yesteryears. His selection of casual to high fashion men's clothing at affordable prices, he says, attracted loyal customers who now bring their sons to be outfitted.

He points out many reasons for the decline of business — the recession, high interest rates and carrying charges, the GST, free trade, excessive taxation, layoffs, closures, cross-border shopping and other factors.

He says that the excesses of the '80s are over. "It is becoming a virtue and even fashionable to recycle — buy less is politically correct." He believes that "Canadians are not competitive enough and the clothing industry is gradually being phased out." He adds that the high standard of living and over-unionization "make it virtually impossible for us to compete with Asia, Eastern European and regions south of the United States."

Many Canadian clothing manufacturers have gone to some of these countries for their production. "I predict that inevitably there will be fewer and fewer independent retailers save for a small number of high-priced survivors catering to an ever-decreasing elite and rich clientele."

Describing himself as an optimist, he says, "My hope is that the prevailing negativity will diminish as people start to realize that if they don't support the economy, there will be a diminished business sector."

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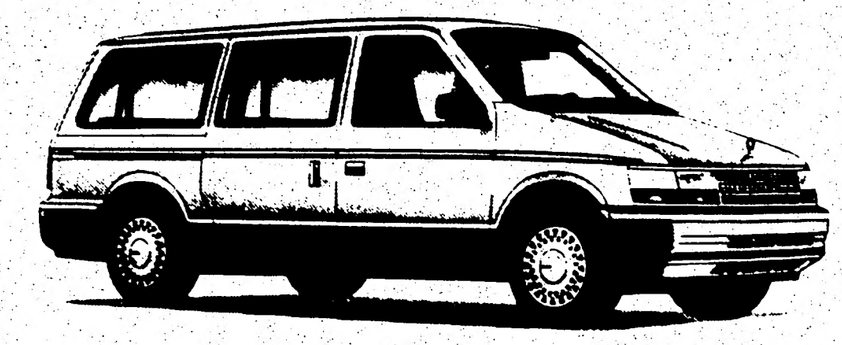
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Fashion

Fashionable fall...

Stephan Caras

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By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

During the fall-season, there were several fundraisers that took place.

Two that topped the list were the galas held by the Toronto chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Canada (JDFC) and the Starlight Foundation.

For the fourth consecutive year, JDFC hosted a fashion fundraiser. The organization worked in conjunction with Andrew's, a specialty boutique that opened in Hazelton Lanes last August.

Lisa Dalholt, executive vice-president of Andrew's, selected and co-ordinated

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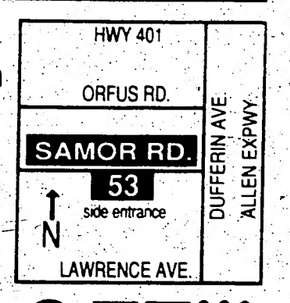

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...fundraising events

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Original designs

The event raised close to $100,000 and was attended by 875 people.

The Starlight Foundation is a registered, non-profit charity dedicated to granting the wishes of critically, chronically or terminally ill Canadian children between the ages of 4 and 18. The foundation currently has 11 offices internationally including the Toronto chapter which opened in 1990.

In October, the Hazelton Lanes merchants joined forces with some of the best designers in Canada and the United States. The gala offered supporters the opportunity to purchase an original jean jacket created by one of the designers.

Designs were submitted by Bob Mackie, Andrea Jovine, Marci Lipman, Stephan Caras, Sunny Choi, Fetoun, Jean Claude Poitras, Bart Leather, Brian Bailey, Alfred Sung, and Comrags.

The event raised in excess of $30,000 and was attended by 300 people.

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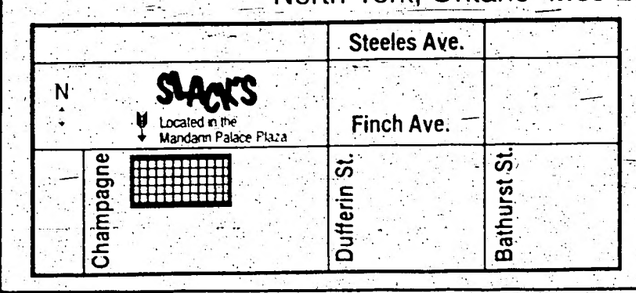

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Travel

New activities, ancient sites help keep Israel interesting

JERUSALEM —

For a country in which antiquity is the norm, Israel is always surprising in its ability to churn out more and more new activities and new finds.

Among the most recent discoveries are a fishing village and a water conduit; new attractions include a dance centre and "catarafting."

A fishing village, dating back to 17,000 BCE, has been uncovered at Ohalo on the south-western shore of the Sea of Galilee. Previously undetected, the site was uncovered by the drastic decrease in the water level of the lake.

Huts of mud and straw about five metres in diameter were found, together with graves, cooking utensils and waste disposal areas. The numerous fish bones found on the site are tangible evidence that the camp was used seasonally by fishermen.

Archeologists and professors who excavated the site said that Ohalo is the largest of its kind ever discovered (several hundred metres square), although not the oldest. And unlike other prehistoric sites, Ohalo abounds with organic remains — human and animal bones, coal and seeds — which were preserved under the lake.

Meanwhile, in Ramat Hanadiv, a 50-metre-long, 2,000-year-old water conduit built in the time of King Herod was discovered in remarkably well-preserved condition by researchers of Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

On the modern side, in the midst of the narrow winding streets and alleys of old Jaffa, in an impoverished neighborhood called Neve Tsedek, is the Suzanne Dellal Centre for Dance and Theatre. Beautifully landscaped, the complex is literally bursting with life and creativity. The recently opened centre was donated by the London family of Suzanne Dellal, a young dancer who died in the prime of her life. It is home to two of Israel's major dance companies, Inbal and Batsheva, and also provides a stage for young unknown singers, actors, dancers and mimes.

An international modern dance competition is scheduled to take place in April 1992, organized by the staff of the centre.

Finally, for the adventuresome, a new sport called "catarafting" was recently introduced into Israel from Russia by a 28-year-old biochemist. The Soviet immigrant said, "What I missed most about Russia was catarafting. I just couldn't live without it."

For more information on Israel, contact the IGTO at 180 Bloor St., W. Suite 700, Toronto, Ont. M5S 2V6. Telephone (416) 964-3784. Fax: (416) 961-3962.

ALL THAT JAZZ

San Francisco's waterfront area is a mecca for visitors, with street artists and musicians like this jazz saxophone player adding a flamboyant charm to the area. [Paul Lungen photo]

Amsterdam's got appeal

AMSTERDAM —

Amsterdam is one of the few European cities that's got year-round appeal, and a new, deeply discounted travel package makes winter travel there not only fun but affordable.

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The package also includes the special walking tour Rembrandt and Amsterdam. And with the Amsterdam Passport you also will be welcomed at Amsterdam's most renowned tasting house, De Drie Fleschjes, a tavern dating from 1650.

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TRAVEL TALK

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LEN BUTCHER

It's another Monday morning and I'm not in a good mood. You would think coming to work at 5:30 would be a breeze. Like who's up that early other than bagel bakers? Everything was fine until I got to the **Don Valley Parkway** (obviously a misnomer, as is the **Allan Expressway**).

All three lanes were backed up from **Lawrence** to **York Mills** and yours truly was caught in the middle. To say I have patience is like saying **Barbra Streisand** can't hit a high note.

Now you're probably asking yourself why I come in so early. I could say it's my strong work ethic...an early bird gets the worm...nose to the grindstone and so on. Actually it's because I get up so early and what the hell am I going to do at home by myself?

Also, **Genghis Khan Rucker,** our beloved editor, has been on a bit of a tear lately. I told you before that she had banged up her ankle and was confined to crutches for a while. That was bad enough (for us, I mean). No sooner was she back to normal when somebody sideswiped her car in our underground parking garage and got away.

GK, however, saw the vehicle and has been stalking the four levels of parking ever since, looking for the culprit. I don't want to say she's taking this too far, but I saw her the other day lurking on Level 2 wearing a trenchcoat and a fedora. She looked like **Mickey Spillane** playing a transvestite or vice versa.

So what's this got to do with my coming in early? Actually nothing, but I like to keep you up to date on what's happening here at **The CJN.** Do me a favor, though. Don't mention her car if you see **GK.** She'll know who told you and my life will be hell around here. As long as I keep coming in early and avoiding her, I manage to keep on a happy face. Don't spoil it for me.

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Tourism soars

Okay. Let's talk travel. And where better than **Israel?** The good people at the **Israel Government Tourist Office** in **Toronto** have passed on some more travel gems. **Yehuda Shen**, the director of the **IGTO** and his band of merry mavens have lots to smile about these days as tourism to **Israel** continues to soar.

The 16th Zimriya--**World Assembly of Choirs**--will take place at **Jerusalem's Hebrew University** from July 27 to August 6 next year. Choirs from around the world have been invited to participate and world-renowned conductors will conduct workshops for the choirs. Concerts for the general public will be held each evening.

Ancient mosaic floors have been discovered in a large, 5th century C.E. **Byzantine** structure in **Sephoris,** west of **Nazareth** in the **Galilee.**

The most beautiful and significant of these floors is one depicting the celebration of **Nile Day,** the day on which the **Nile River** reached its highest water mark. This mosaic, with **Greek** inscriptions, shows the **Nile** flowing out of the nostrils of a bull.

There are also figures representing **Egypt** and the **Nile River**, a picture of the city of **Alexandria** with its famous ancient lighthouse and numerous hunting scenes.

Sephoris, also known in ancient times by its **Roman** name of **Diocaesarea**, was at one time an important **Jewish, Roman** and early **Christian** city.

For 17 years it served as the home of the **Sanhedrin**, the central body of **Jewish** legal and spiritual life during the **Roman** era and also of the leader of the **Sanhedrin**, the patriarch **Rabbi Judah Hanasi.**

If you're planning to visit **Tiberias**, don't miss **The Galilee Experience.** This multi-screen audio-visual show, which runs for about 40 minutes, presents a concise history of the **Galilee** from the time of **Abraham** to the present day. **Jesus of Nazareth** is also prominently featured from a non-denominational, scriptural perspective.

The show, which is screened in the new **Marina Kinneret** on the **Tiberias** waterfront, is presented in **English, German** and **French.** Admission fee is $6 per person, but if there's 10 or more, you get in for $4. When you're there, call them at 06-723620.

Now for those of you who like flowers, have I got a treat for you. **Tel Aviv University's Botanical Gardens** are now open to the public. The gardens include many species of natural flora, which have almost been completely wiped out both in **Israel** and in the jungles of **Africa** and southeast **Asia.**

Of special importance is the section set aside to protect and cultivate the wild flowers of **Israel**, many of which have become almost extinct. The largest selection of tropical flowers is also housed in these gardens.

As if you needed any, the above are just a few more reasons to visit **Israel.** Don't wait. Now's the time to make your reservations. And don't be afraid to call **Yehuda, Delightful Debbie** or **Exciting Ellen** at the **IGTO** office. They can answer any questions you might have about **Israel.** And if they can't, they'll get the answer for you.

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To wrap up this column, I'll leave you with the following ad I saw recently: "For sale: Complete set of **Encyclopedia Britannicas**. Never used. Teenage daughter already knew everything."

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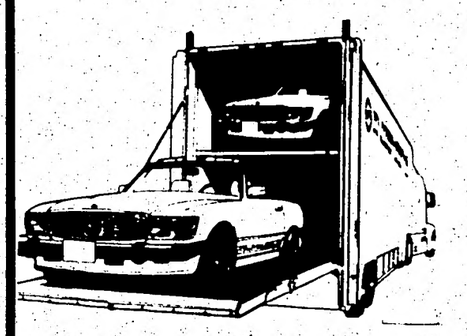

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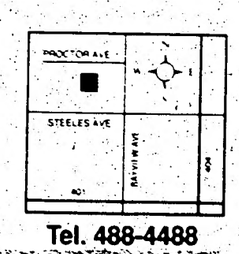

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By JOSEPH SERGE

The baseball season ended on Sunday, Oct. 27. Not only did the Twins win the World Series that day, but the B'nai Brith Baseball League had its traditional season-closing awards brunch.

The league, completing its 30th year, is the largest softball league in North America with 1,500 players and coaches on 98 teams. In 1961, the league started with 70 players and coaches on six teams.

Guest speaker Mark Hebscher delighted the 600 present at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation with a series of amusing off-the-cuff anecdotes from his career.

Sports broadcaster Hebscher hosts *Maple Leaf Hockey* on Global Television and as co-host of the network's *Sportsline*, created the popular "Hebsie Awards", a humorous look at sports bloopers.

Among his stories was that of Mike Dooper, a former Miami Dolphins wide receiver who wouldn't do an interview with Hebscher because he didn't know how to "speak Canadian."

In honor of the league's 30th anniversary, North York Mayor Mel Lastman presented a scroll and Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson and Markham councillor Doreen Quirk presented plaques to outgoing league commissioner Lionel Fishman.

Following are the winning teams and most valuable player of each league in the two divisions.

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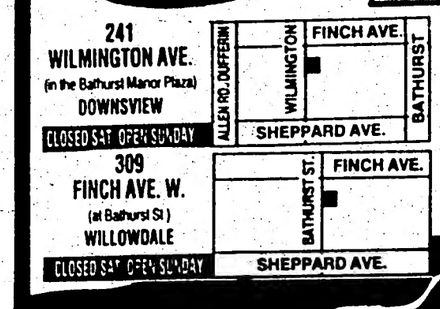

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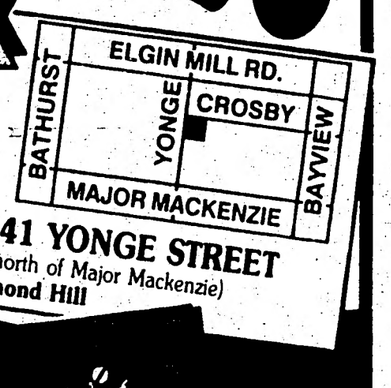

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